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Healey move to boost City morale

Noyes City Correspondent... hours of his return apparently successful... Saudi Arabia, the

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Retail price index goes up 1.8%

Jay Editor... most moderation of inflation is stopped, at least for

get of an inflation rate down to 3 per cent by the end of next year... and into single figures in 1976

Mr Sithole doubtful on Rhodesia settlement

From Michael Knipe Salisbury, Dec 13 Rhodesia's two African leaders, Mr Justina Nkomo

Mr Nkomo, aged 57, the burly leader of the Zimbabwe African People's Union (Zapu) jovially refused to answer political questions

Had the loss of his freedom for a decade been worth it? Yes, because if people were to demonstrate their belief in their own cause they had to suffer...

Children Bill contains wide-ranging reforms on adoption, fostering and new rights

By Pat Healy Social Services Correspondent... Children will be able to have separate legal representation from their parents in care proceedings

authority will be able to assume parental rights. After five years the foster-parents will be able to apply for adoption without



Mr Justice Caulfield at a cottage at Scarcroft, near Leeds, yesterday during a visit by the court in a murder trial (report, page 3).

Stonehouse case link with 'concrete coffin'

By Michael Horsell Molloy, Labour MP for Ealing North and a former Parliamentary Private Secretary to Mr Stonehouse...

Inadequacies alleged as men die in blaze

Fire precautions inadequate and that many fire-fighters did not work yesterday by some residents



Singer hope on energy crisis

Code of the National Council meeting in Paris yesterday, Dr Henry

Furniture record: A Louis XVI ormolu-mounted ebony bureau plat and cartonnier were sold at Sotheby's yesterday

W petrol price rise likely

Prices could rise by 1p a gallon because of a decision by the Organization for

Littlejohn remand: A Birmingham magistrate yesterday remanded Mr Kenneth Littlejohn, the Dublin jail escaper,

78m for building societies

Building societies' net receipts in December were £178m, only less than October, the best

Money matters: Statements on top salaries in the public service and on the uprating of MP's salaries will be made in the Commons next week

Hospital workers urged to accept 19%

Leaders of 220,000 hospital workers last week recommended their members to accept a 19 per cent offer

Trek begins: The Scout Association has started its move from its long-established headquarters at 25 Buckingham Palace Road

Birth BLMC prices increase

British Leyland yesterday announced its fourth price rise year which will add 7.5 per cent to the recommended price

Athens setback: Greece's new-found unity strained by the disclosure that Mr Karamanlis intends to make himself president

On other pages

Table listing page numbers for various sections: Letters: 13, Features: 6-12, Sport: 15 and 16, etc.

Jewish complaint about 'Times' advertisement

By a Staff Reporter... The Board of Deputies of British Jews has referred an advertisement published in The Times on Wednesday to the

Red Cross visit to Emperor Haile Selassie

Addis Ababa, Dec 13.—An International Red Cross delegation announced here today

Mr Richardson to be next US ambassador

From Fred Emery Washington, Dec 13 Mr Elliot Richardson is to be the next United States Ambassador to Britain

Princess's visit

Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips will visit Australia next April, Buckingham Palace announced yesterday

'The Times'

Because of industrial action by the National Graphical Association The Times, in common with other national newspapers, was

Advertisement for Richard Ellis Chartered Surveyors, featuring the headline 'BEFORE YOU TAKE DECISIONS, TAKE ADVICE' and contact information.

HOME NEWS

Littlejohn movements known to police, solicitor suggests

From Arthur Osman Birmingham Police in Britain knew that Kenneth Littlejohn, the self-styled British spy, had made a visit to his wife and children in Devon, a solicitor said in a Birmingham court yesterday.

Mr Littlejohn, aged 33, was arrested by West Midlands police in Birmingham on Wednesday, nine months after he escaped from Mountjoy prison, Dublin, where he was serving 20 years for his part in a £67,000 bank robbery. At yesterday's brief hearing, in which he said nothing, Mr John Millward, the stipendiary magistrate, remanded him in custody until next Friday.

Scroggs told the magistrate that the circumstances "must be the most unusual ever to come before you." When arrested Mr Littlejohn was not wanted in this country for any offence. "There was no warrant against him for any offence whatsoever. What is alleged is that this man escaped from a prison outside the jurisdiction of this court."

The magistrate pointed out that Mr Littlejohn was before the court under the 1965 Act and said the procedure was far from unusual. But it was unusual to have somebody who had been serving a sentence. "Most of those who are sent back are wanted for trial," he added.

Parcel-bomb attacks on Ulster civil servants

Security experts yesterday discussed the possibility that three parcel bomb attacks on the suburban homes of Northern Ireland civil servants may mark the beginning of a new campaign against government officials. The attacks were carried out on two homes in East Belfast and one in South Belfast yesterday morning. Four people were slightly injured by the bombs.

Son born in jail to Miss Bridget Dugdale

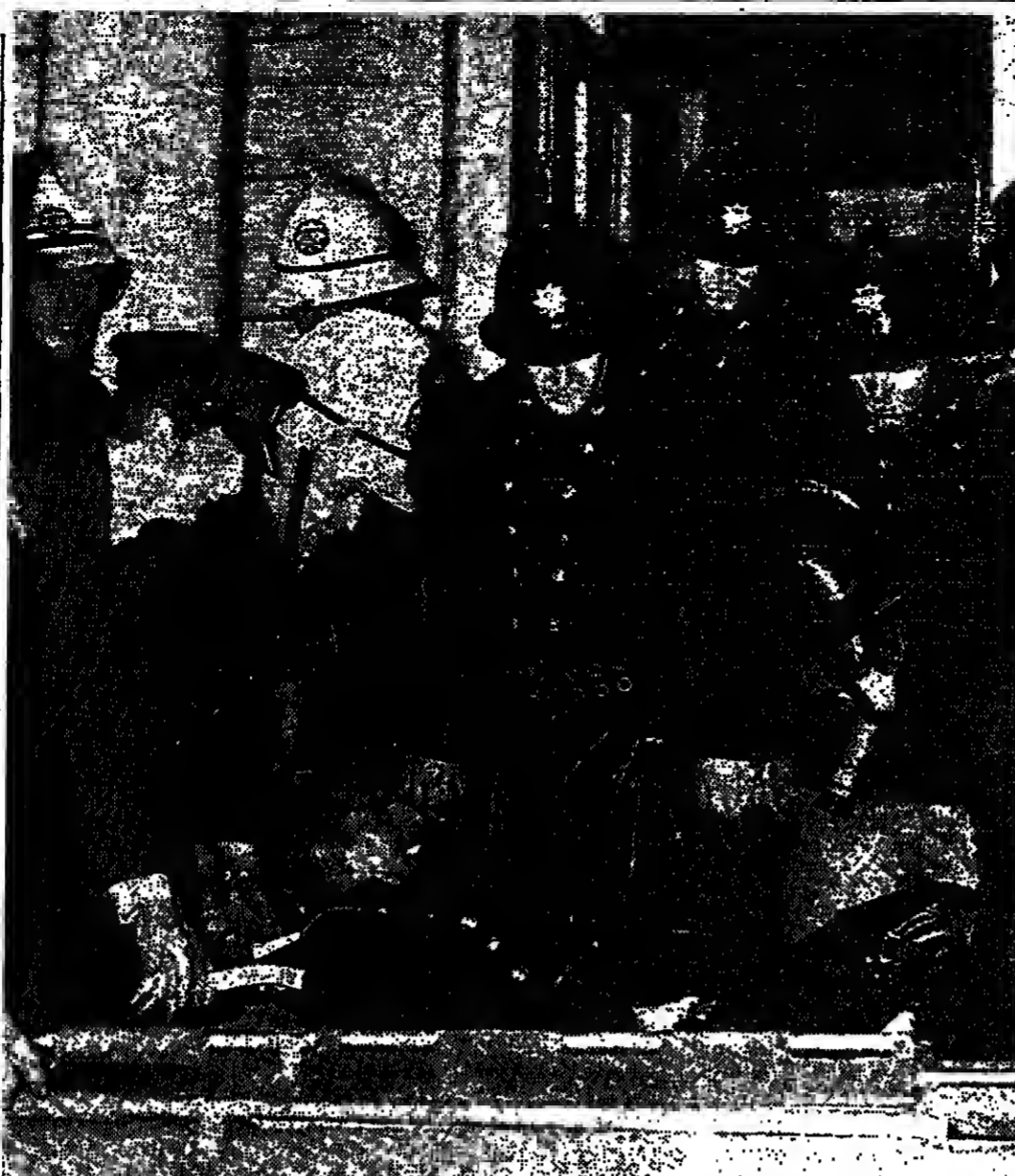
Claims that Miss Bridget Rose Dugdale has been secretly married for several years were made yesterday as she was recovering in Limerick prison after giving birth to a son on Thursday night. The child, which weighed 7lb 5oz, was born in a cell. Miss Dugdale is serving two concurrent nine-year sentences, one for her part in connexion with the £8m art robbery at the home of Sir Alfred Beit, the other for the aerial bombing of a 'Satabeige' police station.

Action stops two London evening newspapers

Final editions of the two London evening newspapers were affected yesterday by industrial action by members of the National Graphical Association. But earlier editions of the papers, the Evening News and Evening Standard, were not affected.

Man says Oxford blast was a prank

From Our Correspondent Oxford One of five men on trial at Oxford Crown Court said yesterday that one reason he planted two explosive devices outside a Roman Catholic priory was because he understood a collection for the Oxford IRA was made there.



Fireman Anthony Stewart, injured when the hostel roof collapsed, being taken to an ambulance.

Seven found dead in hostel fire

By Tim Jones Seven people, including a fireman, died in a fire which swept through a west London hostel early yesterday. The owners, Grand Metropolitan Hotels, said they would hold an urgent inquiry.

Pit militants fight on for £30 a week increase

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor The political clash that threatens to rend the National Union of Mineworkers over the social contract continued to reverberate yesterday.

Judge criticizes case by Inland Revenue

A judge said in Wexham Crown Court yesterday that he was disturbed by the way Inland Revenue officials had investigated a case of alleged fraud, and unhappy about the way the case had been presented.

Attack on 'quasi-religious cult' of EEC membership

By Our Political Staff Mr Shore, Secretary of State for Trade, last night attacked those, including the editor of The Times, for whom he said "membership of the EEC has long been a quasi-religious cult."

Weather forecast and recordings

Table containing weather forecast for today and tomorrow, including temperature ranges, wind directions, and precipitation chances for various UK locations.

Extravagant councils 'compete for staff'

By a Staff Reporter Extravagance by local authorities, especially about staffing, was criticized by the National Chamber of Trade yesterday in evidence to the Layfield committee of inquiry into local government spending.

Users to join Post Office Saturday mail talks

By Our Business News Staff The Post Office has revived its plans for Saturday mail after discussions with the users on the abolition of Saturday deliveries. Lord Peadar, man of the council, commended the decision yesterday.

Working party will watch over HS 146

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent A working party of representatives of the Government, management and workers was set up yesterday to study the future of the Hawker Siddeley HS 146 airliner project.

Girl's body found in boat wreck

A girl's body was washed up on the Norfolk coast yesterday in the wreckage of a 50-ton fishing boat, the Nikki, which had sent out a distress call several hours earlier. It was driven ashore in a gale. Rescuers chased off the search for a man.

Hospital workers urged to accept 19% pay rise

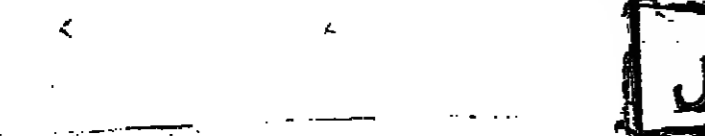
By Our Labour Staff Union leaders of 220,000 hospital ancillary workers last night recommended their members to accept a 19 per cent pay offer, which is within the social contract guidelines.

Seasonal gesture

The local authority at Bury, Lancashire, which refused a family at Radcliffe after fire destroyed their home, to replace toys lost in the fire, intended for the parents' daughter, aged five.

Taverne man loses

A candidate of Mr D Taverne's Democratic Labour Association at Lincoln has lost a city council by-election. Labour, two months after Taverne's own defeat in general election.



HOME NEWS

Embarrassing timing for debate on rising MPs' salaries

Government's business... will be faced with the reading of the Finance Bill...

venient to the context of the economic debate in which the Chancellor, with Mr Foot in support, are expected to remind the trade unions of the cardinal importance of observing the terms of the social contract.

ch a debating environment will clearly need all the Minister's adroitness to further large increases for the heads of the lized industries, civil judges, and others.

A further embarrassment is in store for the Government on a day when MPs on both sides are sombrely conscious of a recession in 1975. The Cabinet has to reach a decision on whether to go ahead with the new parliamentary building scheme, opposite Big Ben tower.

ions value independence arbitration service

ond Perman Staff... are just published show players and trade unions reassembling unions to set up independent Arbitration and Arbitration for help in settling disputes.

lorry drivers' dispute, the action involving independent Television News Journalists, the printers' dispute at the Stationery Office, strikes at Hoover in Scotland and Vickers in Barrow, the ending of the recent bakers' strike and, perhaps the greatest triumph, getting work started at the Seaford grain terminal, Liverpool, after two years of inter-union bickering.

Other 'refused' £1,000 offer to return child

Manuel Leduc, a Canadian agent, flew the 11-year-old boy from his wealthy father's home in Toronto to Leeds where he was held for a week before being returned to his father in Montreal.

Tears stopped father's plan to snatch baby

A husband broke into his wife's flat in Cowes, Isle of Wight, at 3 am, pointed a loaded gun at her and her mother and snatched his son, aged 17 months, from his cot, magistrates at Newport were told yesterday.

Law chief rejects bill of rights proposal

By Our Legal Correspondent... Mr Archer, Solicitor General, has disagreed with the proposal of Lord Justice Scarman earlier this week that Britain should have a Bill of Rights, limiting the sovereignty of Parliament.

The issue was whether in the last resort the British need to commit their liberty to judges or politicians. Although it remained important to protect individual liberty, the law also had the more positive function of intervening in daily life as the champion of those who lacked economic power.

Tory plan to emphasize EEC benefits

By Our Political Staff... The Conservatives are to strive to persuade Britain to stay in the EEC. Mr Heath, Leader of the Opposition, promised that in a speech yesterday to Bexley Borough Luncheon Club.

Couple for trial on baby charge

A couple accused over the taking of Stephen Robinson, aged seven weeks, from a mother and baby home at Borrowash, near Derby, were yesterday committed on bail by Derby magistrates for trial at Nottingham Crown Court.

Cypriots allowed to stay

The 40 Cypriot refugee families who Haringey Council in north London said, faced eviction yesterday because of unpaid hotel bills, have been allowed to stay in the hotels.

Ferry charges up

High season cross-channel fares on British Rail Sealink ferry services are to go up next year, but car rates on all routes from Dover, Folkestone and Harwich in the low season, from January to May 23 and September onwards, will stay largely unchanged.

Latest wills

Latest estates include (not before duty paid): Mrs. E. J. B. Smith, 114, 733; Mrs. M. J. B. Smith, 114, 733; Mrs. M. J. B. Smith, 114, 733.



The Duchess of Kent inspecting Catering Corps staff at Aldershot

Jury visit death scene cottage

From Our Correspondent... A jury of nine men and two women yesterday travelled six miles to a ramshackle cottage where a woman is alleged to have been strangled.

Wetherby road at Searcroft, where Miss Daisy Morris, aged 80, was found dead last Easter. Mr Justice Caulfield and court officials waited outside.

Tom Anderson, aged 70, a tax collector, of Harehill Lane, Leeds, has pleaded not guilty in murder. It is alleged that he strangled Miss Morris because she refused to move from the cottage and sell him the land.

Scouts' trek from No 25 would have pleased BP

By Philip Howard... The Scout Association is moving this weekend from the house beside Buckingham Palace that has been its national headquarters pretty well since Baden-Powell bared his knees and started boys scouting.

The main administrative departments are moving into temporary accommodation at the Baden-Powell international hostel in South Kensington, where a permanent extension for them will be ready in about 18 months.

In brief

Cattle protest cost £150,000

Demonstrations by farmers at Holyhead protesting against Irish cattle imports cost North Wales police authority £150,000 it was disclosed yesterday.

Nationalist link

MPs of the Scottish National and Plaid Cymru parties, who together outnumber the Liberals by one in the Commons, are to consider an alliance to establish themselves as the third political force.

Damages for scars

Damages of £1,800 against the former London Education Authority were awarded in the High Court yesterday to Patrick Nounou, aged 18, of Northfields, Ealing, whose face was scarred by sulphuric acid in an unlabelled beaker, squirted by another boy at a school in North Kensington.

Casino man remanded

Mr John Tsigrades, owner of the Carlton Casino at Torquay, was remanded in custody for a week by Torbay magistrates yesterday, accused of conspiracy to defraud the course of justice.

Dearer sugarbeet plea

A price rise of a third on sugarbeet crops is to be sought next year, the National Farmers' Union said yesterday.

Advertisement for an HMV record player. It features a large image of the record player with various callouts describing its features: 'Teak woodgrain finish cabinet with contrasting black and silver colour control panels and removable transparent lid.', 'Amplifier This gives a big 15 watts per channel speech and music rating at less than 1% harmonic distortion.', 'Record Player Advanced Garrard 6-300 automatic / manual deck, with magnetic stereo cartridge with diamond stylus.', 'Input Selector Buttons These enable you to select automatically the radio waveband you require—VHF, Medium, Long or Short.', 'Stereo Radio Light Illuminates automatically when a stereo programme is being received.', 'Automatic Frequency Control To keep VHF stations continuously tuned, press the AFC button.', 'Gram Press this for all records, mono or stereo.', 'Mono Press this for mono radio or together with the Gram button for mono records.', 'Balance As you know, the balance between the speakers is critical to good stereo reproduction. This sensitive HMV control enables you to adjust the set to attain this perfect balance.', 'Bass and Treble Both these controls have a very wide range. So—from all kinds of programme material—you can always adjust the graduated scales to get the most pleasing reproduction possible.', 'Off-On Switch and Volume', 'Shape You may have noticed that on some stereo systems the bass and treble response can often seem dimmer at low volume. Press the HMV Shape button and this effect will be counteracted.', 'Tape This button provides for playback from a tape recorder on tape monitoring with a 3-head recorder.', 'Tuning A rotary control giving fine-tuning on all wavebands.', 'Model 2459 £135.55 (inc VAT)'. At the bottom, it says 'For further details visit your local dealer.' and 'If you care about hi-fi quality, take great care about the small print.'

Appalling pressures' on mother of eight

Ms Doreen Lynch, a widow, 38, with eight children, lived social security benefits of £18.50 a week. Marylebone magistrates court yesterday, Mr Peter Goldstone, the magistrate, referred 'appalling' pressures on Mrs Lynch, and a daughter 16, were accused of stealing clothes valued at £35 from a store where the girl worked.

Although one child is working, the mother receives a mere £18.50 per week to support herself and the rest of her family. That is under £2.50 per week for one human being.

Patricia, both of Queensborough Terrace, Paddington, pleaded guilty. They were given a conditional discharge for six months.

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WEST EUROPE



Iranian students, wearing masks to avoid identification, give the clenched fist salute during an anti-Government demonstration at the Iranian Embassy in Rome yesterday. Four students were taken to a police station for identity checks.

Dr Kissinger hopeful after Nato talks on oil prices and Cyprus

From Roger Berthoud
Brussels, Dec 13

The approaches of France and the United States to the energy crisis were not contradictory and could be reconciled, Dr Henry Kissinger said at the end of the Nato Ministerial Council in Brussels today and on the eve of the meeting between President Ford and President Giscard d'Estaing in Martinière.

The American Secretary of State said he was "not pessimistic—quite the contrary" about a solution of the Middle East conflict.

After several meetings with the Greek and Turkish foreign ministers, he was also more hopeful than before that progress on Cyprus was possible, and could become visible; but he feared that if Congress continued its cut-off of military aid to Turkey, progress would be unlikely. The aid was not given as a favour to Turkey but for the common defence of the West.

The six-monthly meeting of the 15 foreign ministers of the alliance was unusual for being devoted almost entirely to a "restricted" discussion on the economic situation and its dangers for the alliance. The ministers generally seem to have been deeply impressed by their unwelcome foray into economic waters.

At his press conference, Dr Kissinger said that decisive action was now needed to maintain economic and political stability. The United States Administration was prepared to discuss its long-term intentions in the economic field with its partners before making any irrevocable decisions.

Alluding to President Giscard's call for a conference between energy consumers and producers, Dr Kissinger said he saw no contradiction between consumer-cooperation and a consumer-producer dialogue. The first was indeed a prerequisite of the second. He thought there was agreement on the desirable sequence of moves, but was not sure whether there was agreement on what constituted consumer cooperation.

Whereas Dr Kissinger repeated his view that the present price of oil was too high and should be reduced, Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, thought the problem was more to prevent prices going up further.

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Lisbon businessmen accused of 'sabotage'

From Jose Shercliff
Lisbon, Dec 13

The Portuguese Government has arrested four directors of the country's biggest tourist enterprise, Torralta, and two directors of the Banco Intercontinental Português. Other directors of these organizations and of the Credito Predial and Sociada Financiera are on the wanted list. The public have been asked to help in their capture.

They are accused, among other things, of large-scale illegal monetary transactions, which are officially described as serious acts of economic sabotage harmful to the Portuguese people.

Among those arrested is Admiral Sarmento Rodrigues, the Torralta chairman. He is a former Minister of Colonies and Governor of Mozambique.

Torralta's activities include running tourist hotels, golf courses, holiday villages, complete with sports centres and entertainments such as casinos.

An official statement said that its management was to blame for failure to pay its workers, suppliers, or firms employed on contract. Torralta it added, was behind-hand in paying some £2m worth of holiday vouchers and £1.5m worth of holiday flat rentals. The bank is charged with illegally exporting nearly £700,000.

The first legal national congress of the Portuguese Socialist Party opened in Lisbon today. It had been a clandestine organization until the revolution of April 25 gave it legality.

Dr Mario Soares, the Foreign Minister and general secretary of the party, said in a speech that from the congress would emerge "the definition of a coherent political line, approval of our programme, and a declaration of principles and statutes".

Dr Soares added that the party's political charter showed "absolute fidelity" to the programme of the Armed Forces Movement, until the elections next March. It stood for close alliance with the Armed Forces Movement, which was the chief guarantor of democracy in Portugal, solidarity with the coalition of the provisional Government, and freedom to criticize government policy when necessary.

13 charged over fraud on US celebrities

From Henry Kamm
Nicosia, Dec 13

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Argentina quotes Portugal as example to Britain

New York, Dec 13—Argentina today called on Britain to follow Portugal's example of decolonization and to hand back the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) to Argentine control.

Señor Fernando Fernandez Esquivel, a senior official of the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs, told the United Nations General Assembly that his country expected "a clear and prompt reaction from Great Britain... similar to the change of policy seen in Portugal".

Argentina, he said, favoured self-determination of the native populations of colonial territories, "except in very special situations, as in the one of the Falkland Islands, where the continuing population was exiled and replaced by a population brought there by the colonialist power".

The islands, some 500 miles off the Argentine coast, with a population of about 2,000, were "wrenched from Argentina in 1833," he said.

Italian soldiers meet openly to demand reforms

From Our Correspondent
Rome, Dec 13

Following the example of discontented policemen, Italian soldiers have risked punishment to meet openly for the first time and demand better treatment.

Some 200 uniformed men of various ranks gathered in a Rome cinema this week to hear speakers demand the right to associate democratically and put an end to the "absolute power of the military hierarchies", it was reported today.

They called for the abolition of the Fascist-inspired military regulations and military tribunals, and the right to guard

Basques go on hunger strike

From Harry Debellus
Madrid, Dec 13

A group of nine young lawyers in the Basque city of San Sebastian have joined a political prisoners' hunger strike today after newspaper proprietors refused to meet their demands for higher pay and the right to have a say in senior staff appointments and policy. The stoppage will be followed by two more 24-hour strikes next week.

They announced their decision last night after a meeting of the San Sebastian Bar Association at which the members voted almost unanimously to draw up a petition for amnesty. Basque political prisoners in 10 Spanish prisons have been on hunger strike since late last month in the demand for amnesty for all political prisoners in Spain.

In the other main Basque city of Bilbao 13 lawyers signed a request for an urgent meeting of their Bar Association to discuss the matter of political prisoners as well as the present judicial

OVERSEAS

US Senate vote improves chance of trade reform Bill beating deadline to become law

From Frank Vogl
US Economics Correspondent
Washington, Dec 13

The Senate today voted 71 to 19 to impose a time limit on debate on the Trade Reform Bill. This action greatly improves the chances of the measure becoming law.

The Bill, introduced almost two years ago and seen by the Administration as one of the most important pieces of legislation to come before Congress for years, will be killed if it fails to get through both Houses before the end of this session. Congressional leaders hope to end the session next Friday.

Because of the time pressures it is still an open question whether the measure will reach the statute book.

The Bill could improve significantly the prospects for East-West détente, ease emigration restrictions on Soviet citizens and open the way for multi-lateral trade liberalization negotiations. It has still to get through the Senate and must then be dealt with by a conference of both Houses before returning to each House for a final vote.

Today's vote was on a so-called closure motion to restrict debate to a maximum of one hour for each senator.

The result does not reflect the degree of support for the Bill itself. Many senators, who oppose the Bill, voted in favour of closure to avoid bringing the Senate into disrepute for failing to act efficiently. Some of those who voted against did so because they believe in unrestricted debate.

A host of amendments have been introduced in an attempt to kill the Bill through sabotage of time. Some deal with such matters as car insurance, con-

sumer protection and company taxation.

The debate next week will suffer delays, despite today's vote, because of procedural adjustments over whether many of the amendments are germane or not to the Trade Reform Bill itself.

Behind the scenes intensive lobbying is going on, led by the White House for the Bill and by the powerful AFL-CIO trade union organization against it.

Even if the Senate votes in favour by next Thursday—the earliest possible date according to many observers—the conference of both houses of the Congress could well be protracted.

The House of Representatives has still not approved the amendments proposed by Senator Henry Jackson that directly ties the granting of loans and most-favoured-nation trade status to the Russians to Soviet assurances on the easing of emigration restrictions.

Mr Robert Byrd, acting Democratic leader in the Senate, today said he would propose that the session continue beyond next Friday if the Bill has not been dealt with adequately. But it is uncertain at this late date if even this influential senator will come out in the end for the Bill.

Senator Byrd has tabled an amendment himself, calling for the imposition of a \$300m (£130m) ceiling on the volume of subsidized credits that the Export-Import Bank can grant for Soviet-American trade.

President Ford stated earlier this week that the Bill was the most important now before Congress. The Administration maintains that getting negotiations started on the liberalization of international trade is vital at this time of serious economic

dislocation. The Administration has also left senators in no doubt that failure to pass the Bill could have most severe consequences for détente.

It is widely appreciated in Washington that the prospects for détente hinge to a great extent on the degree to which Soviet-American trade is allowed to develop.

The administration has refused to state if specific numbers of emigration permits have been given in written Soviet assurances regarding the easing of restrictions on emigration, but Senator Jackson today charged that the figures are inflated; the total will be at least 60,000 a year.

Meanwhile, the AFL-CIO attack on the Bill is gaining momentum, led by Senator Hartke of Indiana. The senator spoke for almost an hour against the closure motion today and has proposed six amendments that are all clearly designed to delay Senate action.

Senator Hartke maintained that liberalizing trade now would lead to increased United States unemployment and to American companies devoting more of their investment funds to foreign, rather than to domestic, expansion. The senator bluntly stated the AFL-CIO's case by insisting that the effect of the Bill would be to strengthen the economies of communist and other foreign countries at the expense of the American worker.

Today was only the eighteenth time that the senate has voted for a closure motion and it was one of the few times that such a procedural motion has gained the necessary two-thirds support on the first ballot.

The vote, according to one experienced observer, means that the Senate has finally decided to get down to business.

Makarios acceptance of changed situation

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Rhodesia detention 'terrible'

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The same tensions would seem likely to apply today but Mr Sithole and his supporters are expected to present a united front from now onwards.

Mr Nkomo is a Churchillian figure with twinkling eyes and a hearty and ready laugh.

The five years he spent in Camp Five at Gonakudzangwa detention camp near the Mozambique border were the worst of his detention, he said. For three of those years he was allowed no visitors at all. "It was a terrible time. There were only three of us living in the camp all by ourselves."

The sixteen police support unit guarding them were attracted not to talk to the prisoners, now, he said, he was having to live with the police.

Mr Nkomo bellowed with incredulous amusement. "Give up hope, I, No. Never." He drew a few vegetables, he said, did a little carpentry and read mostly economics which he enjoyed.

He responded again with amazement at loud laughter when he was asked if he had attempted to escape. "Escape! Escape to where? How could I escape from my country? I was born here, I live here and I'll die here."

Did he worry about being a forgotten man, as Mr Ian Smith, the Prime Minister, once suggested that he was? "Forgotten man! Me! How could I be forgotten with my big size? I've been in Zimbabwe all the time. All my people knew where I was."

Terrorist ring in Gaza strip headed by judge

From Our Correspondent
Tel Aviv, Dec 13

Military headquarters in Tel Aviv said today that an Al Fatah terrorist ring based in the Gaza strip and headed by a judge has been smashed. Twenty-five suspects were arrested.

The commander of the terrorists was identified as Khaleel al-Kadra, a judge in Khan Yunis. His lieutenants in Gaza, Rafiq Yunis and Khan Yunis, also were named, according to the announcement.

Documents impounded included lists of recruits and orders for operations. It was believed that the group was responsible for a series of terrorist acts, including the bombing in Jerusalem in Kishon Le Zion 10 months ago. The Gaza strip itself, once a hotbed of guerrilla activity, has been quiet for some time.

Lebanon complains to UN over Israel air raid

From Our Correspondent
Beirut, Dec 13

Lebanon today lodged a complaint with the United Nations Security Council over Israel's air raid on a refugee camp in a Beirut suburb yesterday. The Government said one woman was killed and 10 people were injured in the raid.

Mr Phillip Tekla, the Foreign Minister, said Lebanon had secured further Arab support in adopting suitable measures for repelling Israel attacks but gave no further details.

Lebanese guerrillas in the southern coastal part of Lebanon today opened fire on Israel aircraft and helicopters as they flew over the area without dropping any bombs.

Mr Yassir Arafat, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization, conferred with President Sleiman Franjich this afternoon.

Mr Arafat declined to say what they discussed but he told reporters that one Israeli aircraft was shot down and another damaged during yesterday's air raid.

Beirut, Dec 13—A bomb exploded today at the offices of the independent weekly magazine *Al-Diyar*, located in a 12-storey building which also houses the Jordanian Embassy.

The motive of the attack against the magazine was not immediately known—UPI.

Cairo, Dec 13—Egypt introduced a new condition today for a peaceful settlement in the Middle East in what appeared to be a hardening of Cairo's political stance.

Mr Ismail Fahmy, the Foreign Minister, said: "In any peace settlement, Israel must freeze its present population and pledge not to increase the number of its immigrants for the next 50 years." This was the first time that Egypt had expressed such tough conditions for a peace settlement.—AP.

New missile tested by Russians in Pacific

Washington, Dec 13.—The Soviet Union has fired its new SS16 missile some 6,000 miles into the Pacific in a test for the first time, the United States Department of Defence announced today.

A spokesman said that it of the solid-fuel SS16—the lightest of four new Soviet missiles—landed in the Pacific last night about four hours after launch.

He indicated that they carry single warheads. The SS16 is the only one of the new Soviet missiles which has not been observed carrying multiple independently targeted warheads (MIRVs).

Mr James Schlesinger, American Secretary of Defence and other department officials have predicted that the Russia will begin deploying some of their new missiles early next year.

The nuclear arms limitation agreement, while putting a ceiling on the number of strategic nuclear "delivery systems" on launching missiles, permits both countries to modernize their missile forces.

The relatively high level of missiles permitted under the strategic arms limitation (SALT) agreement, coupled with the Soviet Union's advantage size has increased the possibility that the Americans may decide to develop a new weapon which could be launched from each aircraft or from some late vehicle.—AP.

Moscow, Dec 13.—The Soviet Union today announced a successful conclusion of missile tests in the Pacific Ocean. It said the tests, which began yesterday and were due to last 18 days, had been completed at the area would be open to sea and air traffic from tomorrow. UPI.

13 charged over fraud on US celebrities

Los Angeles, Dec 13.—Thirteen people were charged yesterday in connection with a fraudulent oil-drilling scheme in which scores of famous Americans lost millions of dollars.

A federal grand jury indicted 13 officers of the bankrupt Home-Strike Production Company of Oklahoma who were alleged to have defrauded the celebrities of more than \$100m (£43m).

Among those who invested in the company were the Hollywood stars Liza Minnelli, Walter Matthau, Jack Benny, the comedian, the singers Barbra Streisand and Andy Williams, Senator Jacob Javits,

Russians arrest organizer of art displays

Moscow, Dec 13.—The KG (secret police) today arrested Alexander Glazer, a Jewish collector, aged 40, who has been active in organizing displays of nonconformist art.

Glazer said he was detained after a dispute with half dozen plainclothes and as formed police outside his flat.

Mr Glazer said last night the KGB had questioned him earlier in the day about alleged speculation for money to sell Soviet literature. They had told him he was being interrogated as a possible witness in the case of another man. He added the police had searched his flat confiscating books by Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Vladimir Nabokov and George Orwell.

The Moscow newspaper *Vecherniya Moskva* accuses Mr Glazer yesterday of doing the speculating himself.

Mr Glazer was released tonight after being held and questioned for three hours.

In the autumn of this year he helped to organize two exhibitions of nonconformist art in Moscow. A bulldozer knocked over exhibits in the first, but the second was allowed to continue.—UPI and Agency France Presse.

Renoir stolen in New York

New York, Dec 13.—A small Renoir painting was stolen from the Brooklyn Museum by an art policeman yesterday, as a search of the building, the authorities reported.

The painting, entitled "Still Life with Blue Cup" and valued at some \$50,000 (£20,800)—was found to be missing yesterday from the fifth floor of the six-storey museum by a security guard just before closing time.—Reuter.

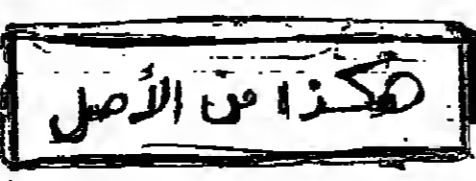
Greek airline's flights switched

Britons bound for Christmas in Greece on Olympic Airways aircraft were being switched to other flights yesterday after the Greek national airline halted services in a dispute with its Government.

Most of the passengers from Britain, about 250 a day, had been given seats on British Airways flights and few had suffered inconvenience, said Mr Christos Economides, the airline's sales manager in Britain.

Mr Saxbe named envoy to India

Washington, Dec 13.—President Ford today nominated Mr Saxbe, the Attorney General, as Ambassador to India. He will succeed Mr Daniel Moynihan, who has resigned.



GREEK UNITY GAINED plan for a presidency

Marla Madiaro
Dec 13
disclosure that Mr. Karamanlis, the Prime Minister, proposes to become president with broad executive powers under the new constitution has suddenly given the republic its first teasing glimpse of a secret with which the moment has shrouded its for a draft constitution, ready set off sharp criticism of the Opposition. It was headed by Mr Spyros Theodoropoulos, a leading deputy of Mr Karamanlis's party, as one of those who resigned his office at the same time.



Well-wishers and protesters greet President Giscard d'Estaing in Guadeloupe on his way to meet President Ford.

Ford hopes of ending rift with France

From Fred Emery
Washington, Dec 13
President Ford is hoping to end the de Gaulle-Pompidou era of friction with the United States when he meets President Giscard d'Estaing on the Caribbean island of Martinique tomorrow morning, unaccompanied by his wife, who is suffering from discomfort in her back and neck, caused by osteo-arthritis and not by her recent breast operation.

They say that today's proposals by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) for renewed price increases have emphasized the need—seen here now as absolute—to concert their policies before agreeing to meet the producers.

The White House is not expecting the French to embrace the American view with open enthusiasm. But there will be disappointment if France does not now accede to the broad approaches agreed between the United States and France's partners in the European Community.

American aid for Lisbon

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Dec 13
In an explicitly stated demonstration of United States support and confidence in Portugal's future, the first economic assistance agreement between the two countries since the overthrow of the old regime was announced jointly today.

Select committee will consider impact of wealth tax on works of art

Had the Minister not yet accepted the threat this tax posed to Britain's heritage and the livelihood of British artists? Did he care or was it a political ploy? It seems as if the answer will be given by a select committee of the House of Commons which will consider the impact of the proposed wealth tax on works of art.

Pickets case: TUC to give general views

OR GLYN (Windsor and Maidenhead, C) calling attention to the enforcement of the law and the imposition of fines for breach of the law.

Directive on additives in feeding stuffs

Parliament considered a motion by Mrs. Scott-Bopkins (UK, West Derbyshire, C) and the Conservative Party to support a Commission proposal for a directive on additives to feeding stuffs.

Soviet view of the country's official process in action rise against Dr Shtern

Following is an unsolicited article from the Soviet newspaper, *Norosti*, on the trial of Mikhail Shtern which opened in the Ukrainian town of Odessa on Wednesday. The title of this report cannot be taken literally because Western propaganda has been busy since the court case to distort the facts.

In brief

Moscow Jew to face firing squad
Moscow, Dec 13—A Soviet Jew, who received permission to emigrate to Israel after retiring as director of a Moscow store, has been sentenced to death by firing squad on charges of taking bribes, his wife said today.

Hongkong officer fined

Hongkong, Dec 13—John Neil Douglas Hamilton, a senior British officer of the Anti-Corruption Commission, was today fined \$10,000 (£200) for accepting an interest-free loan of £2,000 from a Chinese policeman.

6,000 Vietnam deaths

Salgon, Dec 13—A battle involving thousands of communist and government troops at a village near the Tay Ninh provincial capital came at the end of a week in which the Saigon Command said more than 6,000 people had been killed on both sides.

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These products were brought to Dr Shtern's home. Mr Gushva replied that this had been witnessed by neighbors as well as by some of his friends. At some times accompanied him to Dr Shtern's home and helped him deliver poultry, eggs and vegetables.

Jail patient 'improved'

Johannesburg, Dec 13—The condition of Mr. Beam Fischer, the imprisoned former Communist Party leader who is in a Pretoria hospital with cancer, was stated today to have improved. He is 66.

Wilson-Whitlam talks

Mr Wilson will have talks with Mr Gough Whitlam, Prime Minister of Australia, at 10 Downing Street, next Thursday and Friday. Mr and Mrs Whitlam will be guests of the Prime Minister at dinner on Thursday.

Help for the hungry

Geneva, Dec 13—A worldwide appeal for funds to provide help for millions of children threatened with starvation was launched today by the United Nations Children's Fund.

Turkish rail crash

Ankara, Dec 13—A goods train crashed into the Istanbul-Baghdad express near Kayseri, central Turkey, early today. Seven people were killed.

Increased holdings of currency and investment in UK by Saudi Arabia: prospects of more trade

House of Commons
MR HEALEY, Chancellor of the Exchequer (Leeds, East, Lab), in a statement on his recent visit to Saudi Arabia, said there was positive interest in the development of closer economic and industrial cooperation between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom. It was agreed that a committee of officials from the two countries should meet in Riyadh in February to discuss in detail plans for increasing cooperation and the means by which they should be achieved.

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The man who was Bulldog Drummond

Warren Tute meets Gerard Fairlie, the man behind a legend.

'His best friend would not have called him good looking, but he was the fortunate possessor of that cheerful type of ugliness which inspires immediate confidence in its owner. His mouth was not small . . . in fact, to be strictly accurate, only his eyes redeemed his face from being what is known in the vernacular as the Frozen Limit.' Thus was Bulldog Drummond described by Sapper, his creator. Drummond, perhaps more than any other fictional hero, symbolized the upper class, ex-officer world of the 20s and 30s. In fact Sapper based Drummond on Gerard Fairlie who now lives in an inland town in Malta, with the complete works of his friend P. G. Wodehouse lining his shelves as well as the 43 books he has written himself.



Gerard Fairlie today (far left) and with Sapper, Bulldog Drummond's creator, 40 years ago.

A gallery of Drummonds. Bottom row, left to right: Gerald du Maurier, who created the role for the stage; Carlyle Blackwell in the first and most faithful film adaptation (1922), here in disguise; Ronald Colman in *Bulldog Drummond Strikes Back* (1934) with Georges Regas

Below: two shots from *Bulldog Drummond Comes Back* (1937)—John Howard as Drummond with John Barrymore and Reginald Denny, the gagged sidekick Algy, with villain I. Carroll Nash; and in yet another version from the same year, *Bulldog Drummond Escapes*, Ray Milland as the hero with Porter Hall and Heather Ang



The "Bulldog" himself was at the door. Erect, tall and with the expected firm handshake, only the post-cataract glasses suggested his 75 years. The famous nose which had never quite recovered from the final one year in the public schools heavyweights was, perhaps, a fraction more bulbous and slightly better illuminated, but he still exhibited the humorous expression of a man whose outlook on life has enabled him always to find and to relish an ironic quirk in any given situation, however dire. I asked Gerard Fairlie: You were Bulldog Drummond, weren't you? I was and I am. In a sense I became the prototype after the event—which needs a word of explanation—and I also wrote seven of the Bulldog Drummond books myself after Sapper died. The character itself was a composite. Sapper was 11 years older than I was. He spent most of the first world war in the trenches, ending up as a Lieutenant Colonel. The hero he created, Captain Hugh Drummond, finished the war with the DSO and the MC. I was a Cadet at Sandhurst till December 1918 so I never saw active service in what we then called "the Great War". But I think I probably struck Sapper as the sort of physical specimen he had already visualized for Drummond. I was a heavyweight boxer, I played rugby and I suppose was generally above average at games, in contrast to Sapper himself. But between us I imagine we could muster most of the main qualities and defects of the character. Maybe that's one reason why Drummond caught the imagination of that post-war world in the way he did.

records for the involuntary high jump and he came up to apologize. From then on a warm friendship developed, remarkable in that throughout our association—both working and social—it was never marred by any misunderstanding, let alone a single quarrel. Was there much of Bulldog Drummond in Sapper himself? Mac was certainly larger than life. Wherever he went his personality made a forceful impact. He was loud in everything—in voice, in laughter, in his clothes and in the unconscious swagger with which he moved. While in anyone else those would have been deplorable defects, you couldn't dislike him because he was a genuine extrovert with an immense zest for life. He was full of generosity. He loved people and he loved to work. Every moment he lived to the full whether it was with men drinking and yarning, or with pretty girls, whom he adored, or simply in writing to entertain, which he did every day of his life. And he was prolific? Not really. He tended to be a slow worker, if you judge output by the number of words written in a day. He was enthusiastic if he thought he had written a good story, but remained always very critical of his own work. Nothing reached a publisher or an editor until Mac was satisfied he could not improve it. Never a day passed, if he could help it, when he did not sit down at his desk at nine o'clock and work through till lunch. He allowed himself to be interrupted only for a pint of beer at 11. The rest of the day was clear for golf or tennis or a visit to a ragging match. In the evening he met his friends and acquaintances and encouraged them to voice their opinions on all and sundry. After all people were his business. That was a lesson he taught me very early on and I learnt more from him than any of the other established writers who so kindly took an interest in my education. How did Sapper get started as a writer? In a most unorthodox way. He was a regular subaltern in the Army before the 1914 War, a fact which accounted for his very rigid code of behaviour he

imposed on most of his characters. Like so many of his fellow junior officers, Mac found himself perpetually short of money and, since he loved stories, he decided to try to write one himself for money. Taking a rude tale, not too well known, he amended and enlarged it and sent it to a peculiar periodical called *The Winning Post* run by an even more peculiar character called Robert Sievier, who ended up at a later date in front of the Lord Chief Justice. In the young author's surprise, Sievier published his story, omitting only to pay for it. Mac screwed up his courage and went to see him in his office. Sievier, who at that time owned a famous racehorse and was a well-known gambler himself, gave Mac the full treatment. The drawers of the editorial desk were pulled open to reveal only a few coppers and stamps. No cheque book was to hand. In short the penurious publisher's act was put over with all of Sievier's immense charm. "Now, young fellow", Sievier said, indicating the end of the interview, "I'm going to let you into a secret which will give you more money than ever I could pay you for your article. There's a big race up north today. Put your shirt on so and so. Because it's going to be a penney." Mac rounded up his friends, pooled resources and laid on a sizable bet. The horse won at 50 to 1 and thus Mac's first literary effort did make him more money than he ever received subsequently for a short story—and he became one of the highest paid writers of the twenties and thirties. Shortly afterwards the Great War began. Soon stories of life in the trenches started to arrive at the *Daily Mail*. Northcliffe spotted their quality at once. He published them. But, as no regular serving officer could write under his own name, he dubbed the author Sapper. As such he became an instant success, so much so that when he tried after the war, to write under his proper name, the public would have none of it. Like all successful men, Sapper enjoyed and had a high respect for his luck.

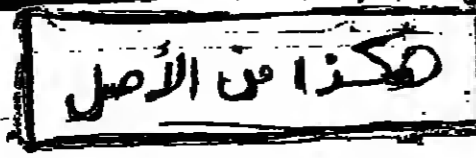
How did you get involved? I turned to Mac in 1924 in the hope of trying to write fiction. I'd had five years of the Scots Guards, a rather expensive regiment, and I'd just married Joan. I decided I couldn't afford both the Army and Joan so, with her full support, I risked everything to try to make it as a writer. Naturally I started to collect the obligatory clutch of rejection slips and then luck came into it again. In 1924 the International Olympic Committee decided for the first time ever to hold a winter sports section at Chamonix. In the way things were done in those purely amateur days—and how much more pleasant they were!—a British bobsleigh team was raised by a friend of mine in the Brigade of Guards. I fell for the offer of a free trip to the Alps and I didn't even know what a bobsleigh looked like. They said that all they needed was a chap with guts in the middle of the five-mao bob of about my weight and sufficiently disciplined to take to either direction instantaneously on receiving the order. I thought I could cope. They took me and we finished fifth. While there, Fairlie was offered the job of official historian to the Olympiad, not only at Chamonix but at Paris in the June of that year. The fee? One hundred and fifty pounds. He jumped at the job. From his own short story writing in that first year, he made exactly ten pounds. Soon he was to become *Special Correspondent* of the Times for the winter sports section of the 1928 Olympiad, this time at St Moritz. He was also writing regularly on sport for the *Bystander*, and published his first novel *Scissors Cut Paper*.

But how did you come to be not only the prototype after-the-event of Bulldog Drummond but also to write seven of the books, and a number of Drummond short stories yourself? The short answer is that apart from our close friendship, I could do some of the things Mac couldn't. Undoubtedly Sapper is in the history books as one of the most popular story tellers of his age. The sales of his books were enormous. Bulldog Drummond was first published in

1920 and the 1951 edition you have in your hand is the 65th impression. But I don't think he or anyone else would claim him to be a great writer. He could never produce dialogue an actor could speak, possibly because so much of his characterization was really caricature. For instance he only wrote one play entirely by himself and that was the ill-fated *The Way Out* produced at the Comedy Theatre in January, 1930. In spite of a most talented cast, his dialogue made the characters too unreal, too much like caricatures. You couldn't believe in them. I think the stage is the most difficult medium of all to write for as it's three dimensional. Mac could not manage it. You can get a reader "willingly to suspend his disbelief" in a novel or on sound radio because once his own imagination is brought into play, half your work is done for you. But on the stage when the curtain goes up, characters and situation have to be absolutely real. They must be seen in the round. Of course there was the Gerald du Maurier production which ran a year, but Gerald was a great actor and the actor managers of those days usually rewrote any script they were given to suit their own particular talents. Mac was the first to acknowledge "the great contribution du Maurier made to the play"—a euphemism for saying he rewrote it. But then du Maurier himself was larger than life. He had mannerisms on the stage which contrived to give his audience an impression of absolute naturalness. Remember that this was 1921. What was natural then would be grotesque today. He couldn't even have repeated his performance two years later when Ronald Colman did it as a movie. Everything had its time. I remember looching with Gerald and Mac at Ciro's—that splendid restaurant-club in Orange Street—when Gerald analysed the play's success. "I don't attribute this solely to its entertainment value," he said. "Bulldog Drummond appeals to the youth of the country because in him they can recognize the sort of leadership they badly need and aren't getting any more." You always have to remember the lost generation and the terrible slaughter of

that war to end all wars . . . the gaps in the families . . . everything had been uprooted. If only they could find a Bulldog Drummond to lead them, a man who understood all classes of the population. . . . From the patrician point of view? Yes, but that was how most people thought at the time. If they could find a hero who never hesitated to give all his time to help those in need who was a great patriot—the British Empire was still very much alive and we'd woe the war—a tough, fearless man unwilling to wait for diplomats and politicians to make up their minds but who went all out for immediate justice even if it proved to be a bit rough at times, then at least part of the future would be signposted. A visit to the play or a reading of the book gave people an escape into a world they longed for themselves. Bulldog Drummond was a benevolent, hard headed, individual hero, the sort of person no one seems to want today—unless it's James Bond. *Something of a fascist?* I suppose so, although I'm not at all sure what that means. Would our fashionable Marxists call Robie Hood a fascist? Drummond was certainly not a political fascist, not a miniature Hitler or Mussolini—just a good honest chap, loyal to the King, who believed that British was Best, as in those days it most certainly was. Sapper died in 1937 at the early age of 48 but by then you were a well established author in your own right, yet you were still associated in the public mind with the Bulldog Drummond image? Mac and I were great friends. That was the basis of it, and this was certainly known in the profession, if not by the public at large. Then, some three years before he died, Mac and I were invited to broadcast in the top BBC programme of the time *In Town Tonight*. In that programme Mac admitted to the world, though in very lighthearted terms, that he had based his Bulldog Drummond character on me. That wasn't strictly true but from then on it was what the world firmly believed. Was it difficult to live up to?

to the sense that people have always expected more from me in the way of physical courage and resource of mind—yes. Like all of us who went through the Second World War, there have been times when I've been very frightened indeed. I do feel scared stiff. I don't think Bulldog Drummond ever was. I mean, as I said in that broadcast, it's all very well but every time anything goes wrong at home—you know, strange noises downstairs in the dead of night—I'm expected to do something about it. And if I say "It's nice", my wife always remarks "Drummond would do something about it." Now I ask you. Sapper died of very short notice, so to speak. Yes. It was cancer of the throat and mercifully quick. And you were collaborating on another Bulldog Drummond play at the time? A comparatively new management, O'Brien and Linnet, wanted a play for Leslie Banks. They commissioned Bulldog Drummond *Hits Out*. As it happened, Leslie Banks and, later, Clive Brook both turned down Bulldog Drummond "on oars" because they were too "physically" in type for them. Eventually Henry Edwards agreed to play the part with a then unknown actress called Judy Campbell, subsequently to become Noel Coward's leading lady, playing opposite. We opened in the summer of 1937 at Brighton but Mac was by then far too ill to attend. This was a very moving time for me. Right up to the last moment, Mac was consulted on all aspects of the script and cast, and one evening in mid-August—I remember it had been a day full of sun and colour—I found Mac in his Sussex garden where I went to bring him up to date with the news. We talked together for a long time alone but not about the play. Mac opened his heart to me that evening and told me for the first time that he knew he was dying. I said very little as the occasion was too much for me. He asked me to do several things for him when he was gone, which I'm happy to have been able to do. He told me I understood Bulldog Drummond better than anyone else. I asked me to protect the game of the characters for I was worth, always. He longer wanted to hear details about the play, simply said that he was leaving all that sort of thing to me. He finished by saying: "Well, good luck Joe, it's all been fun", and left me speechless. The next morning he was dead. And he asked you to carry on with the Bulldog Drummond series? No. But he had anxiety about finance, afraid that would leave his widow less well off than she should be, and therefore also their two sons. Then some weeks later, B Watt of A. P. Watt & Son (who was also my agent) got together with the Hodder-William brothers who controlled Hodder and Stoughton, our publishers and suggested I should carry on with the series of Bulldog Drummond books. I agreed with very considerable misgiving. How would you sum up *wh Bulldog Drummond has done for you?* Well—the character has undoubtedly given me a great deal of most useful publicity. Drummond has also given me the fun of writing about him and the other characters, especially Algy Longworth, the nearest perhaps to P. G. Wodehouse which I much enjoy. I've done my best to keep the characters going largely for the benefit of the family he left behind him. "A perfect short story Sapper used to say, "is identical to the perfect iron shot in golf. It must start with a bang which immediately creates interest, just as the golf ball crisply hit away by the club. Then the interest must continue to an ever-increasing trajectory until the climax is reached, just as the ball flies straight at true, rising all the while. The finish as quickly as possible with all the back spin you can use to cut out any superfluous words." If you analyse his short stories or his novels, you can see that he faithfully followed his own precepts. When it came to the theatre, however, it remained—as he had been when we first met—one of the finest short high fliers off any te that I've ever seen. © Warren Tute, 1974



Chess Vintage games

Bernard Shaws, the grand Russell and the incidentally, those keen players) have all done us immense favour of showing a long life can be a consistently interesting providing the old remains that essentially faithful quality of Renaissance. They were not only in themselves but they seduced in passing on to us impression of greatness in the 19th century.

Other good scores are Geller, 15 tournaments, 284 games, 108 wins, 118 draws and 58 losses (59 per cent). Smyslov, 17 tournaments, 320 games, 101 wins, 172 draws, 47 losses (58.5 per cent). Tal, 13 tournaments, 246 games, 101 wins, 108 draws, 37 losses (63 per cent). Polugaievsky, 14 tournaments, 252 games, 98 wins, 133 draws, 34 losses (62.1 per cent). Spassky, 11 tournaments, 202 games, 79 wins, 101 draws, 25 losses (63 per cent). Petrosian, 12 tournaments, 226 games, 77 wins, 126 draws, 23 losses (62 per cent).

My appetite is whetted. I must bring my own statistics up to date. The same number of "64" contains a selection of games from an international tournament at Manila. I give an interesting game in which the Argentine grandmaster Quintos, who will be seen in action at Hastings this year, succumbs quite suddenly.

White: M. Quinteros. Black: L. Ljubojevic; QP Queen's Indian Defence.

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Clive Barnes/New York Notebook Saving the Metropolitan

We live in strange times. The United States, before what even President Ford now hectorily and myopically sees as a recession, was very probably the very richest nation the world had known. In those happy days of golden dollars and Fort Worth dollars, the country gave precious little to the support of the arts. It has increased, but in comparison with the need, is still precious little.

American arts are perhaps not more imperilled by the economic wasteland of the western world than, say Europe, except that the funding here is far less secure and, significantly, far less traditional than, certainly, in continental Europe. Britain, like the United States, is a comparative newcomer to the large-scale funding of the performing arts. In most parts of Europe such funding is taken for granted, just as is education. But even in Britain there does seem to be a more tolerant attitude towards funding for the arts. Admittedly there is no longer Jeanie Lee to beat the drum and wave the sabre. On the other hand there does appear to be—and perhaps the view looks more sanguine from New York—a wary acceptance from Britain that the arts are an essential component, and, indeed, must be paid for. I am not yet convinced that America takes such a liberal view. Here there will always be that punning streak that says: "If they want it, let 'em buy it." Such a view of course, ignores the arts as a social and as a national resource. It is yahoosism. But the yahoos are everywhere.

Recession and inflation have a very special implication for the arts. You can do something great for five dollars, but quite possibly you could have done something even greater for ten. And there are some artistic products that, if you want them, you cannot cheat on. I mean just how cheaply can you do Wagner's Ring? Also in an inflationary spiral—which seems more and more like Dante's circles of hell—the income for the performing arts goes down at the very time the costs are going up. People in a declining economy make cuts first in luxuries, and no one in recorded history has ever starved through missing a performance of Hamlet or Rigoletto. And mention of Rigoletto brings me to the Metropolitan Opera House—which at the moment is the sick man of the American arts scene. It does not appear to be able to pay its bills at the rate at which it feels its bills need to be paid for it to continue as an artistic force.

On November 21 something quite sensational happened. At a board meeting of the Met, Anthony Bliss was appointed executive director, a new post



Anthony Bliss: the show must go on.

specifically placed over the general manager, Schuyler Chapin. In the past the general manager, and Mr Chapin's immediate predecessors were the late Goeran Gentele and Sir Rudolph Bing, has always been the top paid executive.

The 61-year-old Mr Bliss, who is by profession a lawyer, was for many years president of the Metropolitan board, so was his father before him. More recently he has headed the fantastically successful board of the Joffrey Ballet, generally regarded as fiscally secure arts management. Now Mr Joffrey's loss is to be the Met's gain. (Although in fairness, what Bliss has created for the Joffrey company—and he is remaining as its nominal board head—cannot be destroyed. He has fine people to take over.) But what Mr Bliss will have to do with the Met will be fascinating.

He says: "I've been given the mandate to save the house." This is the absolute truth. However, a word—or even a sentence or a paragraph—must be put in favour of Mr Chapin. He was the stand-in after Gentele's tragic death, but he does seem to have followed Gentele's view of artistic planning.

Sir Rudolph was the compleat autocrat. Probably even his best friends would hesitate to call him musically sophisticated—he was no David Webster, John Tooley or George Harold—but he did get things done, and he was magnificent at public relations and fund-raising. However, Mr Chapin, the now much-maligned Schuyler, has in fact a better Metropolitan programme this season than, defensively, ever before. The man is trying to coax the Met into the twentieth century. It seems—at least one hears it on all sides—that his control of the nuts and bolts of administration is not strong. Certainly he does not have the unaffected PR image of Bing. Bing is a man one is always happy to be left with at a cocktail party. He has a mind like an interestingly honed razor.

Bliss, by the way, is even cleverer. He is precisely the sort of man that makes you wonder why he never went into politics, and by the time you have answered that question you are right back with the recession.

Bliss should be a very good thing with the Met, and might work well with Chapin. He is

our best bet for the survival of our major opera house. A few days before he unexpectedly accepted the job (it was unexpected for him as well) I was having lunch with Bliss, and, while talking about this and that, he offered his opinion that "For the Met it is either five minutes past, and no one can tell which." It was a remark not made for the record, and I hope I am not breaking a friend's confidence, but it now seems extraordinarily relevant. Hopefully Bliss, with his canny and sensibility, might be able to put that clock back. But he will need financial support.

I am very concerned with the image the National Theatre is offering to America. It appears to be entering into financial arrangements with American managers that make the maximum use of the National Theatre name and yet the minimum use of its expertise. It looks as though the National Theatre is not taking America seriously in selling its reputation very cheap for what it must think is an easy buck. Well, it isn't. In quick succession New York has had two productions damaging to the reputation of the National Theatre.

I understand that we are going to have John Dexter's staging of *The Misanthrope*, with Diana Riggs and Alec McCowen (and a complete National company apart from Michael Aldredge who, of course, could have appeared there if ever he had asked), and this will be very welcome. If, after the two present disasters, it is now still viable.

The National Theatre seems to be selling its productions as if they were some kind of franchise, like MacDonald's hamburgers or Kentucky Fried Chicken. It lends its name to support Franco Zeffirelli's all-American production of *Samuel Beckett's Waiting for Godot*, which died very swiftly, and then it perpetuates a sub-standard version of Clifford Williams's production of the all-male *As You Like It*.

This was not at all good for the reputation of the National Theatre, or for that matter British acting. Only one person in the cast so far as I could tell, had ever actually appeared with the National Theatre. Perhaps some of the others—on the pattern of Michael Aldredge—"could have done" but they certainly hadn't.

These two plays, *Saturday, Sunday, Monday* and *As You Like It*, are the first plays to be offered in New York attached to the National Theatre label. Total disaster. The Royal Shakespeare Company orders things differently. At least it does in America.

The Times ghost story competition

The closing date for *The Times*/Jonathan Cape Ghost Story Competition is January 10. The judges will be Kingsley Amis, Patricia Highsmith and Christopher Lee, with John Higgins of *The Times* and Tom Maschler from Jonathan Cape.

Scripts, of 6,000 words or less, should be typed in double spacing on one side of the paper and sent to *The Times* Ghost Story Competition, Times Newspapers Limited, PO Box 7, New Printing House Square, Gray's Inn Road, London, WC1. Pseudonyms may be used, though actual names and addresses should also be provided, as well as stamped, addressed envelopes if stories are to be returned. The prize winners will be announced before Easter.

Bridge Animal ruses

Victor Mollo has long been the Victor Borge of bridge and one tells better stories of calamity at the card table. Bridge in the Fourth Dimension (Faber and Faber, £2.80) is the sequel to *Bridge in the Menagerie* and contains a delightful selection of incidents which ought to have occurred even if there never were such deals.

The mixture of humans and animals who constitute the Griffin's Club are normal players with their imperfections magnified—the Hideous Hog who rarely has a losing session and personifies the Gloating Wanderer; the Secretary Bird who knows all the laws but little about card play; the Toucan who can only count points; Papa the Greek with his unlucky expertise together with others who, like the Hog, mostly sit and sneer.

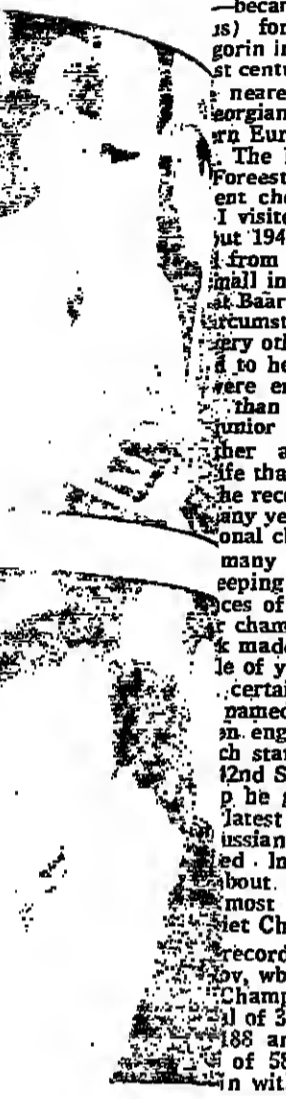
The character who invites our sympathy is the Rueful Rabbit; he is almost too silly to be true, yet every mistake he seems to make rebounds to his advantage. He knows and quotes technical terms, giving a neat twist to them: "I see it quite clearly; I rectified the count by losing; a winner." Here you see him as South, at the wheel, with Papa on his left, after the Hog has dealt.

West led a trump and presented the Rabbit with an awkward problem. There is the temptation to duck a round of clubs, but East wins and leads a heart holding declarer to 10 tricks. The answer is so obvious when it is explained that every reader will wonder why he did not see it immediately.

Declarer must keep East from the lead, so he plays for him to have either the ♠A or ♠Q but not both. After winning the diamond in dummy he plays the ♠K and, when it is not covered, discards one of his small clubs. West can do no better than win with the ♠A and play his last trump. South can now establish dummy's long clubs for two heart discards, with the trump as a card of trébuchet. The Rabbit found the perfect example of loser on loser play.

The unkindest cut of all is reserved for the last deal when the Hog doubles seven spades with ♠J 9 7 5 3 2 ♠Q 7 6 ♠6 5 4 ♠A and fails to break the contract.

Edward Mayer



Harry Golombek

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Land of the Dinosaurs Theatre Workshop

Irving Wardle
The leader of Ken Hill's madame expedition up the Amazon is a mild little scientist called Dr Pertwee, and his lost world gets full film coverage including a death duel between a tyrannosaurus rex and a triceratops.

which was the whole point of the original. Tydeman reckons that although as a director he may be less publicly known than contemporaries within the Royal Shakespeare or National companies, the compensations of radio are considerable.

When Tydeman started in radio in the late 1950s, it was still the era of what he describes as the "mandarin" producers; now, he reckons, times are changing.

Larry Dano as the doctor and Geoffrey Freshwater as the heavily bronzed lead a capable, quick-changeo company. But the production is in its staging, which creates excitement without the smallest reliance on illusion.

It was that or the Foreign Office as far as my parents were concerned, and thank God it turned out to be that.

Not that it has all been the classics for Tydeman. I did expect to direct on Mrs Dalloway, and in television I also did The Neomancers for a while.

It really is ridiculous that if you do a new play on Radio 3 for maybe a hundred thousand listeners you'll get less attention in the press than if you stage a new play at the Courtyards of the Opera House for a few hundred people.

Ashton had to pretend to tell a story while actually doing little more than parade a series of characters or caricatures briefly before us.

Where the lines of the white trio aspire constantly upwards, the other is built on horizontal lines. Georgina Parkinson has been in it from the first.

The prsty arrive at a chasm and have to swing across on a rope; one is terrified and gets stranded in the middle. It all happens in a bare stage space.

Royal Ballet Covent Garden

John Percival

Three ballets by Frederick Ashton at Covent Garden on Thursday demonstrated the old master's range.

Rising Damp Yorkshire

Leonard Buckley

Well, there was certainly a seeping wetness about this programme last night. But what else can one say about this situation comedy now squeezed out into a series?

NPO/Masur Festival Hall/Radio 3

Stephen Walsh

For the second time this week the Festival Hall played back by Thursday to a late concert by Bartok. This time Yehudi Menuhin appeared as soloist in the Violin Concerto No. 2.

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The Fairy Queen at London Opera Centre

Sir Anthony Lewis is to conduct four performances of Purcell's The Fairy Queen to be sung by students of the London Opera Centre at the Centre's auditorium in Commercial Road, Stepney, on December 18, 19, 20 and 21.



Michael Coleman, Laura Connor and Georgina Parkinson.

In fact his mental and musical grasp of the piece is clearly as great as that of the New Philharmonia, with ragged strings and a weakness of pulse which source was not easy to trace.

Grant Singers and actors in the Olive Dyer, Bruce Dargatzis, Harcourt Williams and Michael Forden.

The original version in five acts must have lasted for many hours and the present version by Sir Anthony is considerably curtailed with a view to presenting Purcell at his best without sacrificing a lot of seventeenth-century doggerel.

Travel

A sumptuous escape route

Some time ago Mr Michael J. Goodkin took the trouble to study the villa renting scene, paying particular attention to the type of accommodation available to those who take such holidays abroad. It was a purely personal investigation, for he is professionally involved in legal and financial affairs. What he saw, however, convinced him that a want needed to be filled.

He has now filled it with the unashamedly luxurious "Jamaican Alternative"—a collection of properties on that island now being offered to those who are financially able to indulge their sybaritism. Mr Goodkin believes that not enough of the best was available.

His brochure glossily portrays Windrush and Mount Ego, Pimento Hill, Hanover House and other properties. It conjures up the right picture, creates the correct aura of affluence. If you have the funds this is one alternative to winter's gloom and the depression of Europe.

The lowest price I could find for a holiday between now and the middle of April was £325 per person. That covers your return air fare and two weeks in one of the large villas (five or more bedrooms), but you have to travel as one of a group of 11 or 12 to qualify.

The cost rises to £395 for each of four persons staying in one of the independent villas featured in the brochure. As well as the return air fare and accommodation, it includes the cost of staff salaries, for the properties have their regular corps of retainers. It does not cover car rental (five-seater automatic at £62 per week) which is essential, nor the cost of food or gratuities.

A number of the properties on offer are at the exclusive Tryall Golf and Beach Club—54 villas on 3,000 acres, the average value of each being around £100,000. Each villa has its private swimming pool and gardens and in addition to golf the facilities include tennis, riding, and scuba diving, with yachts and fishing boats available for hire.

The villas are so luxurious that I suggest you obtain a copy of Mr Goodkin's brochure, if only for the pleasure of looking at the colour photographs. As for the evocative prose, here is

a mouth-watering sentence from the description of Windrush. "In keeping with these sumptuous high standards, due to soft music from either radio or cassette recorder in the indoor dining room (seating 8), enjoy cocktails in the walk-in bar (with running water and all bar accessories, including automatic icemaker), or simply relax on the large covered patio (accessible from the house via an entire wall of floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors), with its lovely lounge furniture, second dining table, plus a picture postcard view of the sea, fresh-water, filtered swimming pool, gardens and golf course."

The Jamaica Association of Villas and Apartments, is at 6-10 Bruton Street, London W1X 8HN, who will supply the details—and give you something to dream about.

Another company offering Jamaican properties for holiday rent is Meon Travel, whose current brochure has details of five villa developments and prices for mid-April to mid-October—the less-expensive summer season.

A comparison between the two companies would be pointless because the properties vary and the holidays are aimed at different types of traveller. However, the cost of a two week holiday for each of four people ranges from £251 to £287 in the Meon brochure. That includes the return flight, car hire with unlimited mileage, maid service, airport taxes and an initial supply of food. Automatic cars are an extra £8 per week.

Mrs Jean Smith, who is in charge of the Meon tours department, told me that this was the first time the company had offered villa holidays to Jamaica. The innovation was made because it is now possible for Meon to offer villa deals linked to scheduled flights and not have the headaches of chartering aircraft.

Among the Meon apartments are some located at Sans Souci, a property I visited two years ago and about which I enthused on this very page. The air-conditioned apartments have been built around the terraces of a tropical rock garden at the sea's edge. It has two swimming pools with lifts to carry one down to the pool, terraces and the sea.

A considerable number of inclusive holidays are now available from Britain, and the island has, if anything, an excess of hotel beds to be filled. Since my last visit development has begun along a stretch of coastline at Negri to the west of Montego Bay and it will not be very long before this brand new development sets out its attractions. At the moment the resorts of Montego Bay and Ocho Rios are the main holiday bases, with Port Antonio further along the north shore being physically and metaphorically a little away from the main attractions. In time Negri will take its place in the holiday-making scheme of things, leaving Port Antonio as a haven for those who want to get away from it all. If you have an opportunity, visit the cottage colony of Dragon Bay, or the Gobbins Hill Hotel there.

Montego Bay is not my favourite resort, for I believe it has lost a lot of its old style. None the less I have pleasant memories of Miranda Hill, and would recommend that hotel, as I would Round Hill, the Royal Caribbean and Half Moon hotels, some little way along the coast.

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John Carter



Tryall Golf and Beach Club: Exclusive £100,000 villas on 3,000 acres offering swimming, golf and tennis.

When we landed at Faro airport it was raining. Not the gentle Irish patter (that doesn't make you wet, they claim) or the steady grey drizzle associated with the start of a holiday in Britain. This was ferocious stuff, like silver daggers, bouncing and flying up off the tarmac to soak you to the thighs even under a raincoat.

We had flown more than 1,000 miles to get away from this kind of weather. We were promised sunshine. "Might as well have stayed at home," grumbled one of the passengers. We padded to the customs shed and the rain drummed rhythmically on the roof like something from one of those early American "B" pictures set in the steamier parts of tropical Africa. I expected any moment to see a uniformed Sidney Greenstreet appear as a customs officer. Instead we got a rather nice dark little man, wearing white cotton gloves, who promptly confiscated, rightly, six bottles of whisky brought in by a greedy group of tourists, British, I fear.

But we need not have bothered about the rain. In 20 minutes the pools on the runway were steaming gently and inside the hour it had turned into a beautiful evening. The air was champagne-like and there was a crispness about everything that made Britain and its problems seem further away than the 1,000 miles we had travelled.

There were about 150 golfers on this trip. All down to play in the Algarve Agency first ever pro/am tournament over

the Vale do Lobo course on the Portuguese Algarve. Everywhere you looked there were large, bronzed men heaving bulky bags of clubs around. The professionals, of course, knew each other; the amateurs only their immediate team mates.

For years I had been an unashamed golfer; no course in Britain was too far to travel, no place too obscure for me to try. But not any more. I had discovered golf abroad and nothing else would do. Golf in the sun had bitten deeply and, surprisingly, it was still fairly cheap. Playing the game in ideal conditions abroad was, until recently, the prerogative of the reasonably well-off. In fact it is now too easy to arrange such a trip. The main thing is to book early and thus avoid disappointment, though you are spoilt for choice of where to go.

Of course you can take yourself off to the airport, book your flight, take a taxi and sign in at the hotel nearest the course of your choice. The better way is to study the back page of *The Times* or leaf through *Golf World* and make the choice suiting both time and pocket.

Spain and Portugal are the nearest Mediterranean countries offering first-class golf in superb conditions and surroundings. Spain has so many courses that choosing a venue is a pleasantly difficult task. New courses are springing up like spots on a teenager's chin. The whole coastline from the French border to Sotogrande near Gibraltar is dotted

with courses to satisfy the most ardent and choosy.

There is ample sun and at certain times with the temperatures nudging the nineties it can be too hot for anything more than lazing around. I have been twice to Portugal in November and February, and found the climate ideal—in the low seventies—and the courses entrancing.

Portugal generally suffers in matters of expense, but the Algarve is a favourite spot of mine, and the Vale do Lobo course holds a particular place in my affections. It is long, more than 7,000 yards, and always gives you a chance, even off a long handicap. The prospect from any tee is magnificent—especially the seventh hole where you play across three deep red gullies; the Atlantic washes the rocks 80 feet below. There is one drawback, though. The walk between greens and tees is long, so take advantage of the electric trolleys for hire. It is a splendid place to golf and you are assured of a friendly welcome from David Vansitrart.

I stayed in a villa boasting five double bedrooms with baths and showers attached. There were two separate terraces and a swimming pool, and along with the package came a maid to do the chores. You are expected to make your own breakfast and thereafter eat out or do your own catering from a local supermarket. A car is a must and one is included in the overall cost.

My ten-day trip, costing £125, included all the above plus entrance fees to the tournament and sufficient food to take me through the first 36 hours. There is not much to do at sundown, though you will need the rest after 36 holes of Vale do Lobo. But there is the local discotheque, noisy and exhilarating. It is cheaper to drink gin and tonic than orange juice. One ruins your game—the other your pocket.

By next February, unfortunately, the prices will have risen but it is still a good buy and all relevant information can be obtained from Jim Long, the recently appointed director of golf at the Algarve Agency, which is running two pro/ams in January and February.

If you want a change of scene there are courses nearby. Penina is a stiff test of anyone's game and Villamoura is only a long iron from Vale do Lobo. There is also tennis, sailing and horse riding when the golf becomes too trying.

More courses are being built, perhaps the most exclusive at Quinta do Lago, about three miles west of Faro in a heavily wooded part of the province. Set in 1,605 acres on an estate, it is the joy of a Brazilian developer who has attracted some well-known names in their respective fields. Florio van Donck, the Belgian professional, will manage the golf; Colonel Harry Llewellyn will supervise the riding school and a famous French manager will run the club, hotels and restaurants; one of them the five-star Casa

Velha is already open and very cool.

There is any number of places to visit for golfing holidays and the number of operators offering facilities, and vying with one another with extras, is now legion. But perhaps the most surprising advent of all is the golf cruise.

Last year the P & O line discovered a new untapped seam in the holiday mine. Its first cruise on the Oriana was in the nature of an experiment. But so well received was it that they decided to run two more this year. We sailed on the second which left Southampton on a fine evening last September. One drawback for the golfers was that there would be no real golf until we docked at Barcelona five days later; though there was ample room to practise under the expert eye of Ken Adwick, the associate professional at Woodlands Manor GC in Kent.

The golf was managed by P & O's director of golf, Keith Mackie, who hoped that the company would promote more cruises of this kind. One of the Canherria's senior officers echoed this view, adding that the combination of cruising and golfing was splendid and an idea worth the company pursuing further. He was a golfing sailor naturally, but nevertheless his view was the right one, I believe.

After playing the San Gual course in Barcelona we sailed to Palma, Majorca, to the Son Vida, which has the marvellous Racquets Club nearby. From

there we went to Malaga finally to the lovely wooded slopes of Estoril, Lisbon. It is a flattering country, though you must play well the ree.

Caddies are often a lot but mine turned out to be an assistant professional who me a three-and-a-half hour sun, to the friendly dimmy my partners.

But to the ship itself, year P & O decided to a one-class operation. This in the taste of many who the first-class fare and I assured by seasoned crew that the standard of food service was not what it used to be. But from the purely point of view it was well the trip; a chance to see places and try previously untested courses company points out, for benefit of golfing widows, there is plenty to do ashore, and even more afloat; you can simply catch up on all those un books, or prepare for the ings's revelry. It is ple that you can still indulge hobby white affect. The go package holiday is no sophisticated deal with mo offer than you could not afford.

Travel agents will, if you have details of the above further information can be obtained from the Algarve Agency, 61 Brompton E SW3; and the P & O Passenger Division, Beaufort House, Botolph Street, London.

Anthony Jo

Golf in the sun

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George Hutchinson

Where have all our inspiring leaders gone?

A day or two ago, I was speaking to a wise, mature and important businessman from abroad, who is a frequent visitor to London (so much so that he keeps a flat here). He is fond of this country, a well-wisher of many years' standing...

The two months since the election must have seemed an eternity to Mr Heath, who was to many minds a goner on October 11, the day after polling—or a dead duck, as Mr John Davies might have expressed it...

White nothing is ever certain in politics. It rather looks as if he may succeed—not because everyone wants him but for lack of a truly commanding rival.

Mr Whitelaw has apparently excluded himself from the coming contest (expected in February) on grounds of "loyalty" to Mr Heath—though he may also have felt, with due modesty, that he might prove less than a match for Mr Wilson in what is likely to be a lengthy period of negotiation...

From all accounts, Sir Keith Joseph has also dismissed himself from the contest. He has concluded that he is lacking in certain political skills. Mrs Thatcher—to her credit—is still willing to stand; but whether the party is yet ready to elect a woman leader, however able, remains more than doubtful.

That leaves us with Mr Edward du Cann. Like the rest of them, Mr du Cann has his detractors; but he also has his admirers. His support is said to be growing. Given that Mr Enoch Powell cannot take part because he is not technically eligible, and that Sir Christopher Soames has not returned to Westminster, his support is said to be growing.

As Mr Wilson has aptly said, a week is a long time in politics.

Why the law must adapt to meet the needs of a changed society

Cassandra's punishment was to be disbelieved when she correctly prophesied the gloomy future of her society. Lord Justice Scarman has taken the risk of assuming that mantle. In his Hamlyn lectures, just completed, he has looked hard at the law and the legal institutions of England and has found them wanting. They had increasingly failed to adjust to the social, political and economic changes of the post-war world.

His thesis that English common law had failed to respond sufficiently to changes both within society and external to it is based on a close look at six areas of current significance: human rights, membership of the European Economic Community, the social security system of the welfare state, the environment, industrial relations, and constitutional devolution to the regions.

Time and again he points out how factors which led to the development of a particular branch of the law were no longer present, or were immeasurably changed, without a corresponding change in the approach of the law or of the legal profession. Specific laws for the protection of human rights might not have been necessary when Britain had no international obligations in that field, but she has now assumed them, and yet the system has not developed to encompass these obligations.

national obligations in that field, but she has now assumed them, and yet the system has not developed to encompass these obligations. Lord Justice Scarman believes that a new constitutional settlement is needed, with a Bill of Rights and entrenched provisions, which would take into account our international and internal obligations in the human rights field, as well as our new relationship with the European Community and, if devolution comes about, with the various regions.

does not adapt and adjust, it will be rejected. Sir Leslie's argument is that influence of law and the rule of law is declining, the administrative authorities will become dominant, and the Government will not be controlled by the courts. There would be no effective way for the citizen to challenge governmental or administrative action.

Marcel Ber... Legal Correspondent



Mr James Collins during his playing career, and today—a 60-year "record of allegiance".

Sportsview

A 40-year record that could go under the Hammers this season

West Ham begin their match with Manchester City today placed fifth in the Football League table. If they complete the season without losing ground Mr James Collins will go to bed hoarse, from cheering—and wake up next day a curiously saddened man.

James—Jim—Collins has a record of allegiance to West Ham that stretches back over 60 years. As an errand boy for his father's butcher's shop he used to deliver meat to his earliest heroes—muttering a shy "good luck today" as he handed over the joint. At 19 he joined the ranks of those heroes when he signed for the club for whom he was to play over 300 games in a 15-year career.

Collins believes that Moore used to over-awe everybody around him. "Take the facts of last season," he argues. "When he was playing West Ham picked up 11 points from their first 21 games. When he went they saved themselves with 26 points from the last 21. That says it all."

The reserve trainer told me "If I hear you're being hanging on to the ball young Jim, I'll skin you alive when you get back". "Almost as soon as the game started I had the ball and this Blackpool player came rushing at me. I knocked the ball past him and hopped out of his way. Then another one came, and out of desperation I did it again. Then the same thing happened again. Finally, scared out of my wits, I whacked it upfield and Vic Watson popped it in the net. The team and the crowd went potry... it looked like a great dribble, and all I was doing was trying to get rid of it."

It is thought the yew tree were often planted for seven reasons, the most pertinent being, perhaps, that they, like other popular evergreens, B-Bay, Rosemary for remembrance and Holly, all symbolise eternal life, as well as being a proper "dark and mournful" tree.

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Moore's Men, the alliteration made it sound good, but he didn't do enough for West Ham—not from 1967 onwards at any rate—to make him a great player in my book. "He used to get every ball played to him out of defence, way out on the touchline where he was in no danger. Then he'd

pose with the ball and finally get a great long pass up to Hurst. Hurst—now there was a great player—would have to wait half an hour for the ball to reach him, and by the time it got there he'd have a rival whacking into him from behind. No wonder he ended with a bad back!" Yet, when all is said, he had to concede that until the World Cup triumph put Moore on a pedestal he was a player out of the ordinary, even for West Ham.

After years of occasionally seeing West Ham, West Ham began more frequently seeing Jim Spouts come to watch when he captained East Ham Boys to win the Dewar Shield (the London schools championship) three years in succession, and the then West Ham manager, Charles Payne, wrote to Collins's father "Send him to see me when he is 17". Payne was taken literally. On his 17th birthday Jim Collins knocked at the manager's front door. He had not chosen his moment too well—West Ham having been beaten at Barnley the previous day, and received a thorough kicking in the bargain. "What, you want to be a footballer? I'd never let a boy of mine be deaf enough!" roared Payne. And closed the door.

Indeed the danger to all the harmless wild creatures that have sought the churchyards as safe places where they can continue to exist is coming more and more now from what Sir Edward Salisbury calls "the horrors of suburbia", or in other words, from the increasing passion for over-thickness. The conservation of the churchyards, as far as wildlife is concerned, will be useless unless a few unused corners are left to grow more or less wild.

which was opened by the Prince of Wales, had accommodated for 500 in its heyday in the great days of sail. Today it has accommodation for 200, and is never more than half full. The charitable trust that runs it has been amalgamated with the Marine Society, and three were entered into the London River Closes, something of value and honourable history will vanish from dockland.

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them on outward bound vessels to all parts of the world". In those days London was a port of call for sailors who had just been paid off. The notorious streets around the docks were infested with brothels, clip-joints, and cheap boarding-houses, where many a poor seaman was shipwrecked, rolled, and skinned alive.

Automation and increased wages have reduced the numbers employed in the British merchant fleet from about 150,000 before the seamen's strike of 1967 to less than half that number. Voyages take less time these days, and seamen are less fickle; who they reach London they go home to their families and wait to be telephoned by their companies. All seamen are now under contract either directly to a shipping company or in the British Shipping Federation. So it is no longer possible for a sailor to lodge at the Home, while going down to the docks each day in the hope of making a pier-head jump on an outward bound ship. The docks, in any case, have moved downstream from Stepney.

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E FREEDOM OF DEBATE

is nothing *The Times* view with more distress occur than a conflict this newspaper and the community, either the Jewish community, or the community. We have a limitation for the Jewish to British life and a section for it as well. We insistently supported the existence of the state of and have admired the news of that nation, feeling any more need to from criticizing Israel's ban to refrain from cri- the policy of France, nation for whom we feel regard. The action of the Deputies of British reporting to the Attorney the advertisement which Zionist fund raising m to us to be seriously ed. The only allegation that the advertisement have the unqualified l of those who seek to seeds of racial hatred" not even a direct allega- at racial hatred; if it had it would not have been advertisement attacked fund raising; it attacked military policies, includ- policy of reprisals; it that British funds would spent at home. The does not endorse these as indeed we do not the views of any political ar; in this case we do not re with them. We accept re are counter arguments can be brought, and we need our letters column arguments. That we do not accept is should be impossible for who hold the pro-pan view—which is not sion—to put forward us in favour of their case, that it might "sow the of prejudice. To attack fund raising, or to attack is not the same thing as ig Jews. Some pro-Arabs

in this country no doubt are anti-semitic, and anti-semitism is both an insidious and dangerous disease, but many pro-Arabs are not anti-semitic. They believe that the greater injustice is the one the Palestinians have suffered, and they work to put that right. Again, that is not our view. We would accept the ultimate strength of the analysis that Israel suffers the threat of destruction, and not the Arab states, and that Israel is bound to remain in a strong position of defence until there is evidence that a real peace can be made. We certainly also consider that peace is Israel's great ultimate interest, and that Israel's policy, particularly between the last two Middle Eastern wars, did not always take the right means to that end. The Board of Deputies recently lent their authority to a two-page advertisement in *The Times* attacking the treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union. We sympathized with that advertisement and have indeed consistently supported the campaign for freedom of Jewish immigration. It is argued that the anti-Soviet advertisement, which was severe in its allegations, was a political advertisement, but that the anti-Zionist one was a racial advertisement. We cannot see that the distinction is just. Zionist fund raising, though its purposes are charitable, does strengthen Israel generally and is intended to do so by those who solicit funds and by those who give them. An attack on Zionist fund raising seems therefore to have a clear-cut political objective. It has also been argued that it is one thing to publish an attack on a foreign government, and another to attack a British group, in this case the British Zionists. That does not seem to us a conclusive difference; political debate, both in our editorial and advertising columns, covers both domestic and international controversies. Of course it is true that any political attack can have the secondary effect of creating prejudice, can in that sense "sow the seeds" of prejudice. No doubt that is a danger in all attacks on Zionism, just as pre-justice against communism may follow from any attacks on the Soviet Union. Yet freedom of speech is prejudiced itself if strong ex-parte political statements are not allowed. We have a rule that we never resent the resentment of either the Arabs or the Jews. *The Times* has a duty, which is difficult enough, to try to take a balanced view of the conflict in the Middle East; we also have a duty to allow freedom of speech to advertisers on both sides of the dispute, whether we agree with them or not. We do not always succeed either in being fair to the Jewish or the Arab case. We recognize the strength of feeling on both sides and sympathize rather than otherwise with that irritating resentment which our own conduct sometimes provokes. How could people feel otherwise, when the history has been such, and such issues are at stake? We also recognize that Zionism is both a political and national movement, and that attacks on Zionism which are argued on political grounds will nevertheless seem to many Jews to be attacks on the Jewish nation as such. There is perhaps no way out of this difficulty. Zionism is not only a political force, it is a very important one. Yet unlike communism or Western liberalism it is a political force identified with a particular nationality, and with that nationality alone. Yet in this case we do believe that the Board of Deputies are making a mistake. If trying to have the advertisement prosecuted, they appear to be trying to deny their opponents the right to state their case. What is more they have already had some success; *The Times* has refused a further insertion of the same advertisement because we judge that to do so, in the light of the protests, would be provocative, would have the prejudicial effect of raising an already emotional issue to a more dangerous level. We do not think that it is wise of the Board of Deputies to seek to deny to others a freedom of speech which they have themselves so recently exercised.

Britain and Israel: freedom of the advertiser

From the Director of the Anglo-Israel Association
Sir, That the publication of a certain advertisement in your paper on December 11 would provoke such a flurry was clearly foreseen by you according to your leader of today (December 12), "The Freedom of the Advertiser". You yourself hinted in this at the probable mendacity of the statements in the advertisement. Others will doubtless deal with this aspect and whether the advertisement was or was not a subtle incitement to anti-semitism.

What seems to me dangerous in the advertisement is that the casual reader may be misled into thinking that by "British" money channelled to "Zionist" Israel, HMG (ie, the taxpayers' money) is in some way involved. On this aspect I feel that I, as an ex-member of Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service, can offer authoritative and reassuring information. While assistant and later head of the Foreign Office Department dealing with Israel and the Arab countries, and when I was engaged in the 1950s in channelling large sums of aid to the Arab countries—£12 million a year to the Arab Legion, £3 million a year in Jordan for economic development and so on, and technical assistance programmes channelled through our Middle East Development Division were almost exclusively directed to the Arab countries. Even Nuri's oil-rich Iraq benefited handsomely from the aid. The advertisement used to UNRWA for the Arab refugees has run into millions of pounds since 1949 and continues. All the above represented the British taxpayers' money.

Against this our economic and technical assistance to Israel was only a tiny, if efficient, scale and not one penny of the British taxpayers' money went to support the 750,000 Jews who had been driven out of Arab lands and stripped of all their possessions.

So, the casual reader can rest assured—his money has not been sent to Israel but to her needy neighbours. Yours faithfully, MICHAEL HADLOW, Director, The Anglo-Israel Association, 9 Brompton Street, W1, December 12.

From Mr L. Gordon
Sir, Your leading article today, "Freedom of the advertiser", tried very hard to be fair and objective, and almost succeeded. It refers rightly to "freedom of political expression in advertising... freedom under law... offence is not in itself a reason for refusing...". It also refers, rightly, to "careful consideration of allegations of fact that they contain..." (my italics).

Granted that the advertisement as a whole was accepted by *The Times* under the proper policy of "freedom of political expression in advertising", surely the line "Indiscriminate bombing of Palestinian refugees"—should not have been allowed. That line was not "political expression" in any proper sense, and was nothing else than wrong and untrue "allegation of fact"—and knowingly so. It is a fact (and nothing to do with opinion) that Israel has never been guilty of indiscriminate bombing of Palestinian refugees as such. You, Sir, are aware—indeed it has often been reported in *The Times* and other leading newspapers—that when Israel has bombed or otherwise attacked Lebanon the targets were never refugee camps as such, but Al-Fakh or other terrorist bases or training camps. If these groups, with full knowledge of their government, choose to have these places in or near refugee camps (for reasons of self-protection) it is surely their own fault and responsibility. When Germany in the last war had munition factories in civilian areas it was their own responsibility.

It would be just as factually wrong for *The Times* or any other newspaper to accept an advertisement, eg

accusing Britain of "indiscriminate" shooting of people in Ulster, or of Germany during the last war. There can be little doubt that *The Times* would, rightly, not accept such an advertisement unless it carried such part of it—they would reject it as wrong and untrue "allegation of fact".

There can also be little doubt that all or the large majority of people who protested about the advertisement which you published on December 11 did so, not because they objected to "political expression", nor even because it gave "offence", but for the objective and more cogent reason that it contained unfair and patently and instantly untrue "allegation of fact".

Your leading article today also contains no reference to the sheer hypocrisy of the advertisers: behind their cloak of putting British first lies their guilt of supplying, and defending, Arab terrorist organizations who indeed have been responsible, on their own admission, for worse than indiscriminate bombing—namely, the deliberate massacre of women and schoolchildren. Not even the terrorist organizations themselves, nor their best friends or supporters, have ever suggested that there was any element of military or alleged terrorist targets. Indeed in many instances some of the victims have been non-Jews and non-Israelis.

What an extraordinary case of the pot calling the kettle black. In other words, the advertisement used "freedom of political expression" as a cloak for licence to disregard truth and fact. That was not surprising. The surprise is that *The Times* accepted it—pot, stock and barrel. Yours truly, L. GORDON, London, SW1, December 12.

From Mr George Fox
Sir, Your leader and Mr Simon's letter (both December 12) are both excellent so far as they go, but do not take into account the following:

The anonymous persons who caused the offending advertisement to appear are not after "Justice in the Middle East". They will be satisfied only with their version of "justice".

The advertisement about the Russian Jews was not published in a Russian newspaper, nor is it probable that it was seen by any of the Russian general public. So far as I know, none of the facts in it is disputed, whereas most of the positive statements in the second one, eg, that regarding the demand of sacrifice from this country, are a calculated perversion of the truth. It would be interesting to know on what grounds they are not to be considered as an invitation to racial discrimination.

The first of the advertisements was anything but anonymous. What we things coming to when a scurrilous advertisement can be inserted in *The Times* under a box number?

Whence originated the money that paid for the advertisement? Is it unreasonable to think that it came out of the fabulous wealth of the oil-producing countries? Discrimination against a section of this country's citizens is not lessened by being fomented by foreign sources. Yours faithfully, GEORGE A. FOX, 27 Roslin Hall, 6 Manor Road, Bournemouth.

From Rabbi Sidney Brichs
Sir, Your leader "The Freedom of the Advertiser" misses the point. The advertisement put Britain First was in essence an attack on Zionists alone, but on the entire Jewish community whose members openly and proudly give financial support to Israel's open door policy to Jewish refugees from all parts of the world. The advertisement was an attempt to turn non-Jewish

Consistent policy for industry

From Sir Joseph Lockwood
Sir, I have read Anthony Wigram's article on electoral reform (December 6) and would wholly agree with the central point made in the article, that constant changes in government make for party political motives have greatly damaged the confidence and growth of investment in British industry in the last decade.

I think these changes have also had a damaging effect on the morale of management and contributed significantly to the present "couldn't care less attitude that I have seen develop during my working life.

The increasing complexity of modern technology has greatly lengthened the development and testing period of new products and it is absolutely essential that management should be able to plan ahead and make the best estimates they can of the market situation by the time the product is ready to be offered to the public. Cost is, of course, a primary factor in this situation and unnecessary variation in taxation levels, investment development grants and stop-go and other measures make such forecasting impossible.

Government institutions such as the Industrial Reorganization Corporation need a running-in period of a few years before they become an effective and useful addition to the industrial scene. This change of government just at the time when it could have been most useful.

It seems to me that our system of adversary politics described by Anthony Wigram as "alternating single party government" is a formidable obstacle to the working out of reasonable consensus and the long term policies on which the confidence of industry depends. Like other modern democracies, we must work out our attitude as a nation to fundamental issues like nationalization, industrial relations and taxation. It is essential to have some stability and consistency of policy in these essential spheres. Only then will we be able to settle down to a decent job of work and begin to pay our way in the world.

I am convinced therefore that our system of government should be altered to prevent or slow down rapid change either by providing a second chamber with real power or by a single chamber government elected by proportional representation. Yours faithfully, JOSEPH LOCKWOOD, 13 Grosvenor Square W1, December 11.

THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD

vid Owen's Children Bill, was published yesterday, incarnation of his private measure of last February which was denied its reading when Mr Heath was going to the country. Mr Owen is a junior health and launching it again government Bill, with the scope and intentions, but ed by the parliamentary nen and with benefit of ive official consultations; the bodies concerned, all to the good. Adoption, ng and custody were; much too complex matters dealt with by a private er's Bill, and last Feb- measure was already ened with damaging con- ses if it was to have a e of becoming law.

has been widely agreed for years that the law on ion is unsatisfactory. A er of highly publicized and sing cases recently has azed the need for reform the lines proposed by the bton committee in 1972. a child is living with foster ers who wish to adopt it, the ng law tends to pay too regard to the interests of atural parents, and too little use of the child. Of course it es that in the great majority es a child is most likely to the love and security that it needs in its own family.

remains so when domestic lems mean that the child had e fostered or taken into a authority home even for long periods. But there s a time, which depends on the age of the child and e efforts the natural parents made to keep up the rela- ship, when the bond with the r parents becomes the more ortant one.

At present the law generally gives the natural parents a veto on adoption right up to the moment the process is completed. A couple planning to adopt has to live with the child and establish a relationship knowing that at any moment their hopes may be capriciously taken away by a parent whom the child may hardly remember. Only if a court judges that the parents are unreasonable in refusing consent, or if they have persistently ill-treated the child, can an adoption go ahead without their agreement.

It is right that natural parents should have very substantial and longstanding rights over their own children—apart from anything else, if they have reason to fear that it will be difficult to get them back once they have been taken into care, they may resist parting with them even temporarily when it is in everyone's interest that they should. But in the last resort it is the child whose fate is most involved, and the child's own interest should prevail.

The new Bill, like the Houghton report, falls short of spelling this out. It provides that a court or adoption agency "shall take full account of the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of the child throughout his childhood", and that the child's own wishes should be taken into account as far as possible, but it does not declare in terms that this factor should be the paramount one. It might be better if it did, though the difference is not a crucial one. The reform has been in the air for so long that there has been a partial reversal of sympathy among social workers in favour of the natural parents. In purely material terms, many parents (already in difficulties or they would not have needed to part with their child) will never

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be able to provide it with the same benefits as the foster parents, whatever they may have to offer in the way of love and established intimacy. But there is no need to suppose that the courts would assess a child's welfare in purely material terms. Certainly they should not do so.

In balancing the interests of natural and would-be adoptive parents, the Bill greatly improves the existing arrangements. It is important that the parents, as well as the child, should usually have representation with legal aid in contested cases. To a great extent (it would be impossible to do so entirely) the danger is of making too much depend on the calendar, and so encouraging parents to reclaim their children after three years or five to avoid some drastic diminution of their rights. The proposal enabling parents to free their children for adoption in advance will, it is hoped, spare children and foster parents much uncertainty, though it is likely that a deep-rooted and natural reluctance to sign one's child away irrevocably will make it less often used than it might be.

The decision to forbid informal third party adoptions accords with most informed opinion. With the extra responsibilities that will fall on adoption societies as parental holds are diminished, it is right that central registration should be introduced in England and Wales. An extra burden will also fall on local authority social service departments. Councils are to be given the responsibility of ensuring that adoption facilities in their areas are adequate. At a time when so many admonitions about extravagance fall on local authorities from above it is of the utmost importance that central government should make full allowance for the extra staff and spending that these responsibilities will require.

Other European capitals have found it essential to have such ring roads. Motorists who have visited the continent will know the ring road round Rome and the "periferique" round Paris, though the latter is perhaps a little too near the city centre for comfort.

In the case of London, an outer ring road is even more urgent as there is as yet no motorway system connecting the Channel ports with the Midlands and North which by-passes London. If the north-east section of the road has to go through or near beauty spots like Epping Forest, efforts must obviously be made to keep environmental damage to the minimum but this is no reason for scrapping the whole project.

One cannot in the same breath demand that joggers be kept out of our towns and villages and argue against the construction of roads which will do just that. It is time the government gave a clear expression of intent to carry the orbital road project through with a target date for completion. Yours faithfully, G. A. R. EBSWORTH, 2 Warboys Road, Kingston Hill, Surrey, December 4.

Financing the arts

From Mr John Letts
Sir, Most of the stories appearing recently about financial support for the arts tend to concentrate on the problems of maintaining the performing arts in the style to which they have become accustomed. It is not clear that the cost of continuing to shoulder the huge overhead cost of several national companies of opera, ballet and theatre may become insupportable in the medium term. But it may be that other and humbler—and cheaper—burdens are being shed already.

Disappointingly, the amount that museums and libraries are to have in the current year—now what is called "a negative growth rate", or, in terms the average citizen will understand, an actual cut of 3.9 per cent against a projected increase of 4.1 per cent that would be necessary to stay the same—is to spend appears to be a plan to save almost £8m from the most easily raided and the most lightly defended of all sectors enjoyed by the public, museums.

You say, Sir, that the arts make up a disproportionately large balance of payments (a view which would be resisted by Sotheby's and Christie's) and that the size of the audience will not persuade the Government of its claims to parity, never mind priority (though the museum audience has been growing as explosively as the National Trust since the war). There is a nonsensical assumption here that should be strongly resisted—that it is easier to defend the outlay of £8m to enable us to go on making up a disproportionately large share of the national budget than to spend exactly the same sum on maintaining the museums and galleries which attract the tourists whose spending is far more vital to our current balance of payments.

But new ways to afford the arts will not do. If they came more quickly, our sense of relative values being what it is, Suppose the Treasury agreed to allow industrial firms to direct up to 2 per cent of their Corporation Tax bill towards the arts. Incidentally, between 1970 and 1973, Mr Barber and the 52 per cent of Mr Realeto to approved spending on the arts? Can we be certain the money would be less well spent for the community in any meaningful sense? Yours faithfully, JOHN LETTS, Chairman, National Heritage, 202 Great Suffolk Street, SE1.

End-of-term spirit

From the Principal of King's College, London
Sir, The Michaelmas term has just ended. Upon its last day, at the end of term service of the Holy Eucharist in the college chapel here, well over 300 people took communion. The overwhelming majority of these were students and though a good number were students of theology most were not. In the previous week the service of reading and music for Advent, twice repeated, had been attended in the aggregate by more than a thousand people.

It has to be accepted that students in universities are not at present much in public favour. The undemocratic antics of a few and the unrepresentative attitudes of many student unions are the cause. The huge majority of students come to universities to work for a degree while they mature in company of their own age. If they came more to Union general meetings less would be done in their name of which, if they knew or thought about it, they might disapprove. Most, however, are not really interested.

It may be regretted but it is also true that Union general meetings, even with a quorum of no more than four members, tend to be dull, and are not always quotable. We are said to suffer in this college from what is sometimes described as "the apathy of King's". This might be no more than the absence of widely felt and burning discomen. Nearly every student I know—and I know very many in this and other places—would not dissent from being described as happy. They are also mostly good people. Times and manners have changed but I am sure that drugs are little used and that pronouncity is rare.

Looking around at the end of term congregations could not help reflecting how much ordinary goodness was there. At a time of gathering gloom in a season that should be one of hope I found this hopeful. Perhaps others will too. Yours faithfully, J. W. HACKETT, King's College London, Strand, WC2, December 13.

Hambone Chorus

From Mr John Holt
Sir, My first introduction to Bernard Levin's "Hambone Chorus" and, indeed, to *Fantasy*, was at school in 1934. Our version was:

"Our soldiers
Eating bread and jam"
and continued
"They like it better than eggs
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Yours sincerely,
JOHN HOLT,
133 Apple Road, SW6

marriage of divorcees

in the Dean of Norwich
Your Religious Affairs Correspondent has drawn attention to the fact in which a number of Church of England clergy are quietly exercising their independence by allowing their parishes to be visited after suitable inquiries, in order to be married in church (see December 9).

There is another approach which deserves attention. Christian people believe that it is right that they should be remarried in church after a divorce. This is a matter that is being increasingly recommended by their pastors. About half the 1,150 people, Anglican, Methodist and others, who were remarried by the Methodist Church in one particular area were Anglicans, and of these at least one-third had been remarried by the Methodist Church by their own vicar. In some cases the vicar also asked if he might be asked to take part in the ceremony. In the course of a careful inquiry I did not get any impression of easy-going permissiveness on the part of the Methodist Church; rather a serious attempt to probe the matter to act with compassion. A number of those who were being remarried are deeply concerned to have a Christian wedding and have a sincere desire to make a fresh start

London's orbital road

From Mr G. A. R. Ebsworth
Sir, In a period when many big ventures for the future are being scrapped—first Maplino, next perhaps, the Channel Tunnel—projects which are clearly essential should not be obstructed or delayed. One of these, I suggest, is the outer ring road round London that is the north and south orbital roads.

There is good reason to believe that there is growing tolerance within the Church of England to the different approaches to this problem which are, in practice, being adopted within the parishes. When the church has more experience of these different approaches, it will be possible for the General Synod, with the agreement of the bishops and good will of the majority of the members of the church, to maintain the principle of life-long marriage and to act with compassion in individual cases. Yours faithfully, ALAN WEBSTER, The Deanery, Norwich, December 9.

Queen's English

From Mr P. J. Millett, QC
Sir, Mr Levin's strictures on the pronunciation of the definite article "the" round Paris, though the latter is perhaps a little too near the city centre for comfort.

In the case of London, an outer ring road is even more urgent as there is as yet no motorway system connecting the Channel ports with the Midlands and North which by-passes London. If the north-east section of the road has to go through or near beauty spots like Epping Forest, efforts must obviously be made to keep environmental damage to the minimum but this is no reason for scrapping the whole project.

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Cathedral appeals

From Mr W. J. Carpenter Turner
Sir, Your appeal is launched for repairs to the fabric of a great cathedral and there can be no doubt that the work is urgent and necessary, but I regret to note that the appeal reflects the growing tendency to link the needs of the fabric with some other cause, all proposals stressing the structural shortcomings of the building and omitting any mention of the less dramatic associated matter once the brochures have been issued.

Here at Winchester we have had two appeals in recent years both laying great stress on the needs of the fabric—the first appeal associated with the desire to enlarge the funds of the Dean and Chapter and the second with the wish to endow the choir.

You will also recall that some years ago we had the great Westminster Abbey appeal again associating the needs of the fabric with those of the choir.

Judging by your leading article

(December 11) the Canterbury appeal is to be in the same model as your own coinage. Your leading article makes no mention of the one million pounds for the choir. I quote two extracts: "The appeal for more than three and a half million pounds to repair and preserve the medieval stained glass fabric of Canterbury Cathedral" and "The very urgency of the necessary repairs at Canterbury raises the question of who should bear the burden of cost. Three and a half million pounds is a very large sum to raise."

To my mind this kind of presentation is dishonest and does no good either to your paper or the established church. Yours truly, W. J. CARPENTER TURNER, Brookside, Back Street, St Cross, Winchester, December 11.

oo one says "Pass the salt"

The correct form is "Pass thee-et-salt, please."

(Outside polite society a different usage prevails. There, the definite article is invariably pronounced with a short "e", and followed by any one of a number of stereotyped and inappropriate adjectives chosen for the fact that they begin with a consonant.)

In theory, the definite article should be pronounced with a short "e" when the next word begins with a consonant, and with a long "e" when it begins with a vowel. In practice, however, Englishmen are seldom sufficiently fluent to select the apt noun in time to determine the correct pronunciation of its definite article when they utter it. Accordingly, correct English usage requires the interposition, between the definite article and its noun, of the word "er" or "um".

Since each of these words begins with a vowel, it not only gives the speaker time to grope for the appropriate noun, but enables him to pronounce the definite article with a long "e", confident in his immunity from criticism by Mr Levin. In polite society, Mr Levin,

From Miss E. Simpson

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Strength of the Church is in its parishes

By Eric Treacy Bishop of Wakefield
All my ministry until 1961, when I became a bishop, was spent as a parish priest. Since I have been bishop, I have been in close and daily contact with parochial clergy...

should be proposed not to appoint to a vacant parish. The institution of a new vicar remains a matter of local importance, even to those who are not church people.
In the parishes of England, quiet, devoted and sacrificial ministry is being done by men who are struggling with poverty...

dealing with the multitudes of casuals who knock on the vicarage door.
In the midst of all this, they must sustain that life of the spirit which is the authentication of their ministry. If this were not enough, the church is being reorganised...

congratulation. Praise where it is due. Praise new life into a tired man.
Pray for your parson that he may not run short of the energy of his mind, spirit and body to do his work...



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 13: The Queen this morning received the Sultan Qaboos ibn Said of Oman.
Her Majesty also received the Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman (His Excellency Mr Nassir Seif El Busly).

Forthcoming marriages

Lord Binning and Miss P. E. Rutherford Bayles
The engagement is announced between Lord Binning, son of the Earl and Countess of Haddington, and Prudence Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs...



£240,000 paid for Louis XVI table and cartonnier

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent
French furniture and works of art from one of the greatest English collections of the century...

By the pseudonym, A. Louis XVI table acrie made by J. F. Leleu for Mme Victoire brought £92,000 (estimate £50,000 to £100,000)...

25 years ago

From The Times of Wednesday, December 14, 1949
The Aga Khan, in a speech read at the Glaciar Dinner at York last night, said that prize money for most of the races run in England was a miserable pittance...

Receptions

Lord Widgery
The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Widgery, welcomed the guests at a reception held on Thursday at the House of Lords to celebrate the publication of Crime, Criminology and Public Policy, essays in honour of the late Professor Radzwinowicz...

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Today's engagements

Exhibition: Dolls, a study of their history and development, 1750-1970, Bethnal Green Museum, Cambridge Heath Road, 10-6.
Exhibition: The Athapascans, strangers of the North, The Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, 10-5.

Tomorrow

Exhibition of portrait drawings, illustrating the development of portraiture from the fifteenth century to the present day, British Museum, 2-9-6.
Carol festival in aid of the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, RAF Church, St Clement Daes, 3.

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Advertisement for Distressed Gentlefolk's Aid Association. Includes text: 'Like this I can stay where I belong', 'When you're old and living on a small fixed income...', and 'Help them grow old with dignity'.

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OBITUARY

SIR EDWARD MAUFE

Architect of Guildford Cathedral

Sir Edward Maufe, RA, FRIBA, architect of Guildford Cathedral, who died on Thursday, aged 91, may be best known as a designer of churches by his conscious boldness.
Maufe was born at Ilkley in 1883 and educated at Warfield School and St John's College, Oxford, where he took his degree of MA. He was articled to William Pitt and also studied at the Architectural Association. During the 1914-18 War he served as lieutenant in the Royal Artillery in Salonika. His earlier works include several country houses and gardens - Kelling Hall, Northamptonshire, Gillingham, Yorkshire, and Little Rooking, Essex, among them. He was married to Joseph Chamberlain in the crypt of Westminster Abbey; the third Lord Chesham, at Aylesbury; Sidney Ball at St John's at Buntingford; and several buildings for Lloyds Bank. His earlier work in churches was mainly in the way of alterations and redecorations, as at St Martin-in-the-Fields, All Saints, Southampton, and St John's, Heckynton. In addition to the churches for the deaf and dumb at Acton and Clapham already mentioned, he designed the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Watlington. His most important post-war church work was the rebuilding after bombing of St Columba's, Port Street, which was not one of his happiest efforts.

It was in 1932 that Maufe won the commission for Guildford Cathedral. Cruciform in plan, with a shallow transept providing for a great open space at the crossing under the central tower, and with the roof lines of nave and chancel at the same level, Guildford bears some resemblance to Liverpool, in that it is symmetrical to side as well as in view, but it carries the simplification of Gothic, the substitution of modelled for linear treatment, still further than Sir Giles' Scott's building. Of concrete construction, it is faced with brick and stone. The nave, of seven bays, has tall two-light windows of the lancet type, and the aisles are for circulation only, to the gain of seating space. The cathedral stands on a green mound about 50ft above the approach from Guildford, and is a walking-way only, a feature which has been availed of from these approaches. It builds up to the central tower with an effect of monument and slightly austere simple thoroughly characteristic of the architect.
Later works by Maufe in buildings for Trinity in John's colleges, Cambridge, Balliol and St John's coll Oxford (of which last he was honorary Fellow), the Fes Theatre, Cambridge, the rebuild of the war-damaged organ of Temple and of Great In made him an honorary M of the Bench, and memo at Tower Hill (an extension of the earlier memorial Lutyns) and at Runnymede was chief architect and an adviser to the Imperial Graves Commission. Although he belonged to the old school of historical renaissance, he was an example of the judges gave first prize to Sir I Spence's design in the competition for Coventry Cathedral. He was elected ARA in 1947, and was knighted in 1954. He received the R Gold Medal for architecture in 1944. Maufe was a tall, red-ably handsome man of all episcopal appearance, charming manners. In his he was an exceedingly gracious and generous man, who always took the floor there was a circle of admirer. He married Gladys Prude daughter of Edward Stutchin of the Geological Survey India, and had one son, L. Maufe, who is an experienced interior decorator, often assisted her husband in his work.

Memorial service

Miss K. E. M. Cooper Abbs
A memorial service for Miss Kathleen Cooper Abbs was held in York Minster on Tuesday. Canon Robert Cooper, officiating, assisted by the Rev A. J. McMullen and the Rev Henry Stapleton, the Dean of York and Father Richard Field, representing the Abbey of Ampleforth, were in the choir. Viscount Ingleby read the lesson and Mr McMullen gave an address. The choir of St John's Cathedral, York, was conducted by Dr David Laog and the organist was Dr Francis Jackson. The blessing was pronounced by the Bishop of Whitley. Among those present were representatives of the National Trust, the National Art Collections Fund, the British Legion, the National Council of Women, the British Friends of the North Yorkshire County Council, the Yorkshire Rural Community Council, the Yorkshire Agricultural Society, the Hull Diocesan Narden Society, the Hull Diocesan Advisory Committee, Northallerton Grammar School, the Order of the Holy Paraclete, York, was conducted by Dr David Laog and the organist was Dr Francis Jackson.

Guid of the Nineteen Lubricators

The traditional festival service of the Guild of the Nineteen Lubricators was held yesterday at Church of St Margaret, Westminster. The Right Rev Dr George Robinson, Bishop of Salisbury, was the preacher. After the service the Master, John Bayman, held a reception the Palace of Westminster, sponsored by Mr Peter E. Walker, M.P.

ENTERTAINMENTS

Large advertisement for entertainments. Includes sections for Exhibitions, Art Exhibitions, Leger Gallery, and various art and craft shows. Text: 'ALSO ON PAGES 8 AND 9'.

Small advertisement at the bottom right corner.

SPORT

Looking's return gives West Ham something else to smile about

nao Fox... will not have been smiling for so long that it was yesterday in their John West Ham United...

Jennings and Robson have brought the West Ham team Brookings in the middle of the season...

inevitable relegation victims will find the going even more difficult because of the tight competition at the other end of the table...

Progressing from chips to champagne

nao Fox... today's second round of play must of the non-league ladders said most of the things and one said it...

field Town, who have more points than any other League side and have scored 48 goals...

and the other—some 30 feet—because they have a former Wycombe defender in Delaney who is the captain for the day...

England fall through bad strokes and to brilliant catching

By John Woodcock... Perth, Western Australia, Dec 13... it would be nice to say that to adversity England made a good fighting start to the second Test match here today...

to Underwood. Arnold has been having a poor tour. Underwood a good one, not least with the bat. It amounted to a gamble...

What made England's score particularly disappointing was that batting, if not as easy as it can be, was not as good as it has been...

by Australia, in cloudy weather, they were bowled out for 208 after 40 overs. The first two days of the tour were a depressing day...

Cricket

By Rex Bellamy... Squash Rackets Correspondent... Mikael Hellstrom, aged 24, of Sweden, came back from two games down to beat the seventh seed...

professional. Mueer, who has twice reached the last four, was not the only Pakistani absentee...

Squash rackets

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draw looks wide open. The beneficiary could be a British international, Peter Verity, who yesterday beat the New Zealand champion...

Union

are given chance to remind selectors of his quality

West correspondent... Rossborough (Coventry), ter (Moseley) and Keith (Widnes) have pulled out...

North that their side lost by the first area trial, that not more than perhaps four of those then on view could book themselves a ticket for the final test at Twickenham next Saturday...

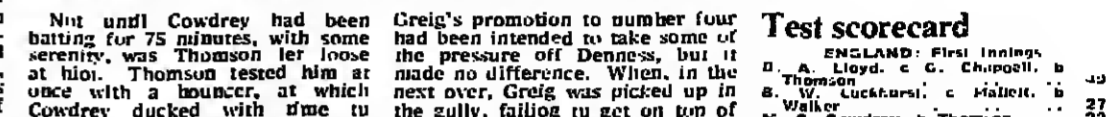
Ralston back today to lead Richmond

By Peter West... It is heartening news for the Epsom and British Lions coach, who knee injury has kept him out of action for a month...

Ralston's England and Middlesex colleague, Ripley, has to miss today's game through a minor knee injury. The winners will be the Black Whites in the second round...

Weekend fixtures

Table with 2 columns: Division and Fixtures. Includes FA Cup second round, Scottish FA Cup, Scottish first division, Scottish second division, Rugby Union, Rugby League, and Tomorrows.



Cowdrey turns to leave the wicket. He had moved across to get behind the line and was bowled behind his legs. Thomson's elation shows. Greig is the other batsman.

Greg's promotion to number four had been intended to take some of the pressure off Dennis, but it made no difference. When, in the next over, Greig was picked up by a sizzling ball from Walker...

Test scorecard... ENGLAND: First innings... D. A. Lloyd, G. C. Chappell, G. G. Thomson, G. G. Chappell, G. G. Chappell, G. G. Chappell...

Hockey

England building a tower of World Cup strength

By Sydney Friskin... It was once said that the divisional hockey tournament was the most useless exercise since the Tower of Babel. Judgment, however, is now being made because the weather defeated the purpose for which it was intended...

Rugby Union

Area trial... Club matches... Scottish first division... Scottish second division... Rugby League... Tomorrows...

a new era with Sweeney and Cox

Sprague and Yuenker... Stoddard from this year's Oxford Boat Race winning crew. Another oarsman to catch the eye in Keron's crew was the 14 at...

potential, and now over to Messrs Sweeney and Cox... The Tyrants' count would have been four but for the absence of Dalton, who was injured with a cut finger during the week...

South-Western League... Northern Premier League... Arturian League... Road walking... Squash rackets...

Television highlights

BBC 1... BBC 2-Tomorrow... IBA... Football: Preview (12.20)... Racing: Ascot races at 12.50, 1.25, 2.0 and 2.30...

Cricket

Cricket: Second Test match (15.45)... IBA... Football: Preview (12.25)... Wrestling: Southend promotion (4.11)... IBA-Tomorrow... Football: Preview (12.35)...

SPORT

Racing

Tartan Ace is approaching his peak

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent
Bad weather forced the cancellation of two of Ascot's best meetings on a Saturday this autumn...

Game Spirit's camp. It simply made his task of carrying 12 st that much harder.
In the circumstances I am bound to wonder whether Game Spirit can give 13 lb to Tartan Ace...

Nottingham's special tribute today for Stan Mellor

By Jim Snow
Nottingham today pays its own special tribute to Stan Mellor. The former champion National Hunt jockey made racing history when he rode his 1,000th winner at Nottingham in 1971 on a grey mare, Dunt...

ago Straight Vulcan won the race. He rode five pounds to 10st 12lb in his means severe. Moonlight Escapee and Princess Camilla may come out of the other...

Ascot programme

- 12.15 KILINEY STEEPLECHASE (1.30.2.30)
12.30 TON UP HURDLE (4-y-o: £204: 2m)
1.00 QUOZ NOVICES STEEPLECHASE (Div II: £272: 2m)
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12.45 BRADFORD HURDLE (Handicap: £204: 2m)
1.15 YORK STEEPLECHASE (£272: 3m 300yds)
1.45 WILLIAM HILL HURDLE (Handicap: £874: 2m)
Catterick Bridge selections
By Our Racing Staff
12.15 Bradford. 12.45 Hells. 1.15 Early Frost. 1.45 Esterel. 2.15 Prince Willem. 2.45 Clarendon. 3.15 Connaught.

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Nottingham selections
By Our Racing Staff
12.30 Ghent. 1.00 Cool-Na-Mara. 1.30 Black Auster. 2.0 STRAIGHT VULCAN is specially recommended. 2.30 Breakwater. 3.0 Blue Shore.
Ascot selections
By Our Racing Correspondent
12.15 PINGRAIL is specially recommended. 12.50 Orozio. 1.25 Tartan Ace. 2.0 The Tangle. 2.30 The Sundance Kid. 3.0 Pythium.

Athletics

Record breaking pace checked but ultimate still far away

By Neil Allen
Athletics Correspondent

The pace in athletics record-breaking seems to have slowed at last even if men and women are still far from achieving their ultimate performances in track and field. This year just two men's and seven women's records were broken in standard Olympic events compared with 15 in 1973 and 16 in the Olympic year of 1972.



Two outstanding athletes who have shown the way ahead for record breakers: Mrs Szwedzka (left) and Brendan Foster.

The records compared

Table with columns: MEN, World, European, UK. Rows include 100 metres, 200 metres, 400 metres, 800 metres, 1,500 metres, 5,000 metres, 10,000 metres, 20,000 metres, 400m hurdles, 800m hurdles, 1,500m relay, 4x100m relay, 4x400m relay, High jump, Pole vault, Triple jump, Shot, Discus, Javelin, Hammer, Decathlon, WOMEN, 100 metres, 200 metres, 400 metres, 800 metres, 1,500 metres, 5,000 metres, 10,000 metres, 20,000 metres, 400m hurdles, 800m hurdles, 1,500m relay, 4x100m relay, 4x400m relay, High jump, Pole vault, Shot, Discus, Javelin, Pentathlon.

Tennis

Miss Evert takes King as US no 1

New York, Dec 13.—Christine Evert, who won four big international tournaments and 56 successive matches this year, has been ranked No 1 woman player in the United States.

Ramirez says he can beat Nastase or Newcombe

Melbourne, Dec 13.—A match between John Newcombe, of Australia, and the Romanian defending champion, Ilie Nastase, will be the highlight of the semi-final round of the Masters tournament sponsored by Commercial Union Assurance here today.

Boxing

Money may be able to buy a Lonsdale Belt

It is "highly improbable" that the world champion, John Conteh, will be allowed to keep the Lonsdale Belt now that he has decided to relinquish his British lightweight world title.

Book reviews

The greatest Lions by a short head

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent
Were the British Lions to South Africa better side than the 1971 team to New Zealand?

Golf

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Science report

Archaeology: Mayans backdated

New radiocarbon datings have pushed back the probable beginning of the Mayan civilization as early as 900 BC, narrowing the gap between the Mayans and the other great Mesoamerican civilizations.

Cricket

ADelaide Sheffield Shield

ADelaide Sheffield Shield: South Australia 204, 1st Innings; Queensland 50, 1st Innings.

Skiing

W German slalom triumph after boycott

Cordula d'Ampezzo, West German slalom champion, triumphed in the women's World Cup slalom today when she finished second clear of the world champion, Fabienne Suter.

Her victory was the result of blistering first run which covered the 54-gate course with a vertical drop of 145 metres in 47.34 seconds, more than 10 seconds faster than Miss Suter. In the second leg the French was marginally faster but not close such a formidable. The total times were Miss Suter 1m 31.73sec, Miss Suter 3m 33.73sec.

Fourth was Austria's V Cupholder, Annemarie Moser, net of the downhill victory, consolidated her lead in the V Cup standings.

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia Flyers beat New York Rangers 4-1. Boston Bruins beat Los Angeles Kings 4-1. St. Louis Blues beat Washington Capitals 3-2.

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THE TIMES BUSINESS NEWS

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OPEC 'simplified pricing' decision could make oil an extra 1p a gallon dearer

Oil prices could rise by 1p a gallon across the board because of a decision by OPEC to use a simplified pricing system...



Mr. M. O. Feyide of Nigeria has been made secretary general of OPEC. He will take over from Mr. Abderrahman Khene of Algeria...

OPEC countries have been selling crude on the open market. The price revision by Saudi Arabia, Abu Dhabi and Qatar has forced companies buying oil from these countries to trim their margins...

Societies' receipts near 1974 high in November

November was another good month for the building societies with net receipts of £178m. This is only £1m less than the 1974 record net inflow reported in October...

Germany aims to stop oil interests secretly buying into key industries

West Germany is to prevent the acquisition by state oil shares in key industries on behalf of oil-producing interests...

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Recruitment ban to pare state airline losses

Mr Henry Marking, deputy chairman and managing director, announced the ban yesterday. It would stay in force as long as necessary...

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£50m short-term aid for British Leyland

Bankers' guarantees up to a maximum of £50m will be offered to the British Leyland Motor Corporation and its subsidiaries by the Government...

Gilt-edged market and pound revive as minimum lending rate is held at 11 1/2 pc

Both sterling and government bonds enjoyed more favourable conditions in City markets yesterday than in recent days. In spite of wide speculation that the Bank of England's minimum lending rate would be raised...

Court halts Pacific coin margin sales

Los Angeles, Dec 13.—Pacific Coast Coin Exchange, the largest United States seller of gold and silver coin investment contracts, agreed yesterday to halt margin sales after the government charged it with fraud in the sale of securities...

Search in Britain for executive of US bank

Police and private detectives are searching the country for a leading consortium banker who left a Northampton hospital three weeks ago...

Shipyard electricians stay out

Electricians at Swan Hunter who stopped work a month ago over a pay dispute yesterday voted to stay out after they had been expected to agree to go back...

Airlines veto cutbacks on Atlantic run

Washington, Dec 13.—American attempts to reduce transatlantic flights to help financially ailing Pan American World Airways have failed, at least temporarily, reliable sources reported here...

Government stake proposed for Aston

At the initial meeting between the company and the Government on October 29 it had also been emphasized that the Government was only prepared to give aid if its proposals were accepted without alteration...

Herstatt case bankruptcy action deferred

Cologne, Dec 13.—The threat of an immediate bankruptcy bearing in the Herstatt bank case has been averted, according to an insolvency court judge here...

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Lombard North Central's profits down by £13.3m

Profits of Lombard North Central, the finance house subsidiary of National Westminster Bank, slumped by £13.3m to £5.6m in the year to the end of September...

Talks collapse on sugar for UK

Representatives of the 18 African, Caribbean and Pacific sugar-producing countries ended their talks yesterday without reaching agreement on the supply of 1.1 million tons of sugar to Britain under an EEC agreement...

Table with market data: THE POUND, THE TIMES INDEX, FT INDEX, and various commodity prices.

Date left open for freeing of scrap sales to Community

Controls on the export of ferrous scrap to the EEC are to be lifted, but because of difficulties in Brussels no date has yet been fixed...

Four million are jobless in EEC

There are at present almost four million unemployed in the nine EEC countries, according to a survey just published by the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development...

Burton Group

Pre-tax profits of the Burton Group fell from £3.3m to £3.4m in the year to August 31. The figure was against the taking into account profits on sales of properties totalling £3.9m...

Table with retail prices and employment data: RETAIL PRICES, Employment statistics for 1973-1974.

PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

Finance Bill: capital transfer tax

Cooler climate for the generous

One common illusion is that capital transfer tax—the details of which have now been published in the Finance Bill—is a tax which applies only to the very rich indeed, and that the rest of us can safely ignore it.

Not so. It is a tax payable by everyone who gives during his lifetime, end on his death, £15,000 or more. If inflation continues at the present rate, that may represent an average annual wage, or if you like, the cost of a weekly season ticket. Even now, it will only buy one quite modest home.

Mr A and Mr B, both of whom wish to take their sons into partnership in their businesses, each diminishing his own estate by £30,000. Incidentally, the basis of charge to tax is not the amount by which the donee's property is increased, but the amount by which the donor's is diminished.

No tax is chargeable, since this is his first exempt slice. The other £15,000 of value Mr B gives to his wife Mrs B. No tax is chargeable, because gifts between spouses are—in life and on death—exempt.

Transfers in consideration of marriage, that is, gifts to the happy couple by parents are exempt up to £2,500 a donor. By putting one's wife in funds, one can double the available amounts to pass down the generation gap.

Survival for at least three years after emigration will henceforth be required to make the journey worthwhile. Oliver Stanley

Finance Bill: insurance

New ground rules for life policies

This week's Finance Bill has given the life assurance industry plenty to think about, as in immense detail, it sets out to block various tax "loopholes". In the main, it is what one would expect after the Chancellor of the Exchequer's March Budget speech and the statement issued at the time.

At one stage it looked as there would be a clawback if 15-year policies should be surrendered after 14 years, but it had been taken out for years in the first place. It appears as that objection has been overcome.

Savings

What price our nest-eggs now?

A complex of reasons, moral, social and economic, supports the view that a man ought to save some part of his income during most parts of his life; his independence and self-reliance, his responsibilities for his dependants, his relationship with his other citizens, his duty as a member of a society whose future is pledged to economic progress.

of 7.6 per cent. But substantial amounts of earlier issues are also outstanding, including £350m of the first nine issues made before 1956.

There are those who say that if all the economists in the world were laid end to end they would not reach a conclusion, whereas there are others who argue that there is no need to go that far, proof being satisfied by the fact that a combination of any three of them will produce five different opinions.

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Never was the need for this propaganda greater than in these inflationary ages, and rarely has the citizen's social responsibility to save been a less profitable business.

Some of these issues are now only yielding 1½ per cent and only in a few cases more than 3½ per cent.

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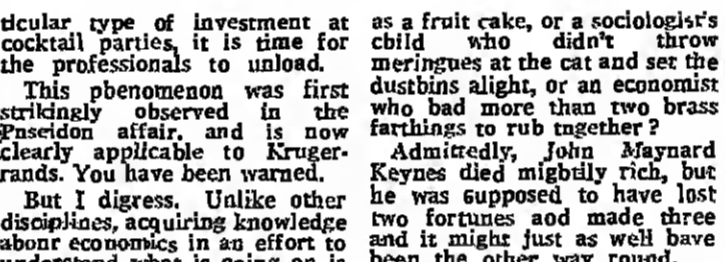
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Up to our necks in goulash after a helping of paprikanomics

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As a fruit cake, or a sociologist's child who didn't throw derring-does at the cat and set the dustbins alight, or an economist who had more than two brass farthings to rub together?

But I digress. Unlike other disciplines, acquiring knowledge about economics in an effort to understand what is going on is no help, since every new smidgeon of knowledge acquired represents just an admission ticket into an even more impossible problem.

Francis Kinsman

But before 1967 it was not unusual for building society investment to provide a genuinely positive rate of return as in the years 1962-1963, 1965-1966 and 1967-1968.

The problem of protecting savings against inflation was considered by the Page Committee on National Savings. It recommended the issue of a modest index-linked bond for the small saver, on the grounds that he is least able to protect his capital against inflation.

As for the real truth behind the future for gold, the facts are found to fit an altogether simpler theory than the Doppelgänger—namely the Kinsman Dolly-Bear Hypothesis. This states that as soon as dolly-birds start talking about any particular type of investment it is time for the professionals to unload.

Car insurance

Breakdown service to the rescue

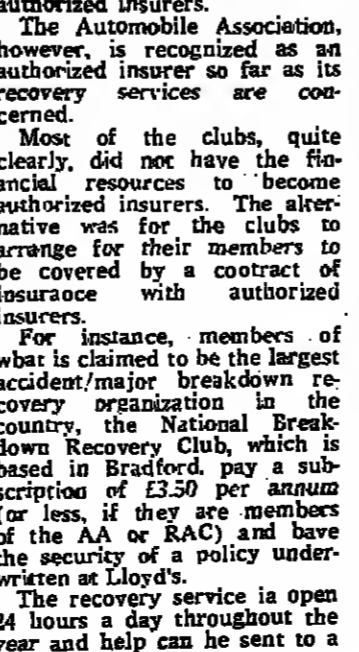
As far as I am aware, only one motor insurance policy provides a recovery service after a breakdown. Norman Frizzell Motor and General Limited administers the motor insurance for 350,000 policyholders with a large syndicate at Lloyd's and the standard comprehensive policy can provide some "breakdown" cover on payment of an extra premium of 25p.

For that premium, naturally, there are limitations. Basically, a policyholder can claim for the cost of towing a car which has broken down for up to 10 miles from the place where the breakdown occurred.

If the car can be repaired at the roadside, the cost of the one outward and return journey of the breakdown vehicle (and not more than one hour's labour at the roadside) will be met under the insurance.

Most of the clubs, quite clearly, did not have the financial resources to become authorized insurers. The alternative was for the clubs to arrange for their members to be covered by a contract of insurance with authorized insurers.

For instance, members of what is claimed to be the largest accident/major breakdown recovery organization in the country, the National Breakdown Recovery Club, which is based in Bradford, pay a subscription of £3.50 per annum (or less, if they are members of the AA or RAC) and have the security of a policy underwritten at Lloyd's.



... help can be sent to a stranded motorist through any one of more than 120 depots.

Most of us have a vested interest in the small saver's fair deal. If the capital value of all National Savings investments were protected against inflation, it would cost the exchequer an additional £1,000m this year.

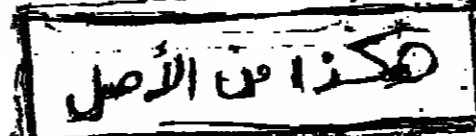
Those with mortgages might like to calculate what their monthly repayments would be if the mortgage rate were 25 per cent—the lowest rate that would allow societies to inflation-proof investors' deposits.

As a start, investors should check their unproductive assets—large current account bank balances and unclaimed entitlements such as postwar credits.

Michael Bayliss

Unit trust performance

Table with columns for Unit Trusts, Medium fund, and performance metrics. Includes entries like Gertmore British, Henlys Capital, Family Fund, etc.



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FINANCIAL NEWS

MC strategy • Old store r discounters

Investors received a sharp reminder last week of national economic factors which have affected the group.

More than a decade British ... In return for immediate underwriting of the company's short-term borrowings...

Surplus on property sales alone keeps Burton Group in profit

The expected slide in profits at Burton Group in the year to end August takes the form of a fall in the pre-tax profit from £8.3m to £2m.

Had it not been for a £3.9m profit on the sale of properties, Burton would have finished the year in the red.

Interest charges have jumped from £2.5m to £4.5m, reflecting both higher interest rates and increased borrowings.

The low tax charge for the latest year—£763,000 on the pre-tax profit of £3.4m, reflects the fact that the group has been able to offset its tax liability on its property sale profits.

Stock markets

The first week of the trading account ended with a useful technical rally, which reflected the more confident tone of the pound and the unchanged Bank of England minimum lending rate.

The FT index rose by 2.2 to 152.7 to reduce the fall on the week to 9.3 points, or about 6 per cent.

Better performance from gilts

There was fresh demand for shares in Furness Withy (136p). The shipping group has always been regarded as high on any Arab shipping list.

Trading statements lowered Pegler Hattersley (42p) and Jevons Cooper (113p). Central Manufacturing (211p) were a firm feature.

A fresh rise in oil prices by the major exporters left oil shares little changed.

Equity turnover on December 12 (£38.4m) was (11,953 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, Cons Goldfields, Lonrho, Unilever, Bank, Commercial Union, De Beers Ltd, Bats and GEC.

The appeal of Sears to Galliford

The formal offer from Sears Holdings for housebuilding and property group Galliford has attracted the attention of the market.

Galliford published its last accounts early last month. They showed an asset value of 184p a share.

October 31 taxable profits moved up from £882,000 to £936,000 and while the board give no figure they say the volume of sales is well ahead of last year.

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Jonas Woodhead accelerates

Reporting the preceding year sales and profits at fresh peaks, Jonas Woodhead & Sons, Leeds-based vehicle suspension specialists, appear to have been somewhat cautious in July at prospects for the current year.

Turnover is down from £4.3m to £4m. Shareholders will receive an interim of 0.64p against 0.62p gross (maintained at 0.43p net) while the year's total is expected to dip from 3.41p to 1.94p (from 2.5p to 1.5p net).

Latest dividends

Table with columns: Company, Dividend, Yield, etc. listing various companies and their dividend details.

UK problems hit Walmsley (Bury)

Crippling increases in labour and material costs, the inability to obtain the required level of shift operation and the effects of the three-day week all made for a bad year to September 30, especially in the United Kingdom, for Walmsley (Bury), the papermaking machinery specialist.

Nasty surprise from Pegler Hattersley

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Interim loss of Victoria Carpet

Although the United Kingdom company recorded a small profit, the combination of very adverse trading conditions in Australia and the effect of the revaluation of the Australian dollar have produced a group loss of £105,000 before tax.

Greene, King & Sons

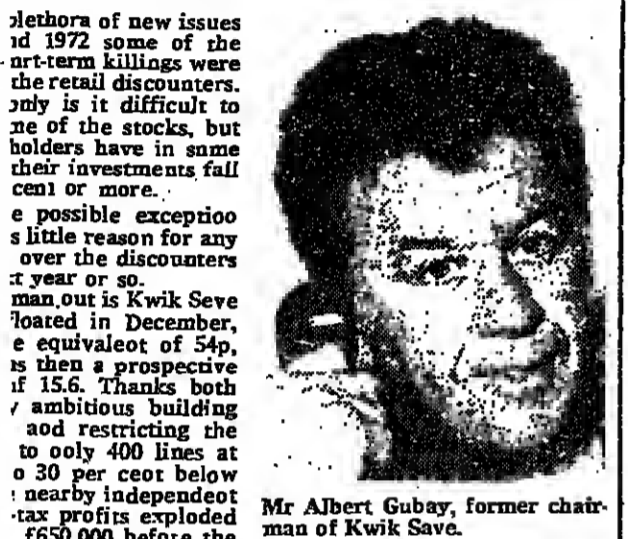
Last year was a record for Greene, King & Sons, the Suffolk-based brewers, but this year, because of lower margins, the best the board can predict is that profits will be maintained. In the half year to

Contracting side checks ATV

Apart from ATV Network, all of the ATV Corporation's main divisions turned in excellent results in the 27 weeks to September 29. The setback in television contracting was, of course, forecast in the last annual report and was largely responsible for the 27 per cent drop in group pre-tax profits to £2.43m against an improvement in overall sales from £25.3m to £27.2m.

Metal merger shelved

Talks about a merger between Charles Clifford Industries and Metal Products (Willenhall) have been deferred by mutual agreement, because of uncertain economic and trading conditions. Both boards are in



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Mr Albert Gubay, former chairman of Kwik Save, has been seen in a recent photograph.

Mr A. C. Southan, chairman of MFI Warehouses, is seen in a recent photograph.

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are significant pointers to present prospects. And it is a similar story at Comet Radiovision, where the share price is now at 14p some 96p below the subscription rate of 110p in January 1972.

Wall Street

New York, Dec 13.—After marking time for much of today, the New York stock market sagged in the late afternoon and closed lower in quiet trading.

Silver closes higher

New York, Dec 13.—Comex Silver futures closed 9 1/2 to 11 1/2 cents higher. The price of silver rose to 48 1/2 cents an ounce from 47 1/2 cents at the start of the week.

Chancellor's speech

Henry Thornton was allocated the £2,000 worth of local authority negotiable bonds for which he applied last week at par and at a rather higher coupon than he expected at 14 1/2 per cent.

Which? on inflation

Which? one of the useful publications of Consumers' Association, very much else had a flat, or rather inflating.

As Jim Sanger, the managing director, says, to preserve capital "in the prevailing legislative and economic climate is already so difficult that the 'do-it-yourself' era has gone for ever."

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